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BUNNIE RABBOT,
WILL YOU DO ME
ZE GREAT HONOR
OF BECOMINK
MY WIFE?

OH,
ANTOINE!
AH-AH-AH
WILL!

WHOA...
GO, 'TWAN!

OHMYGOSH!

...DOES THIS
GIVE YOU ANY
IDEAS, SONIC?

NOT
A ONE,
AMY.

BUT IT'S
A NICE BREAK
FROM THE DRAMA
OF EARLIER
TODAY.*

*SEE LAST
ISSUE FOR
FIONA'S
SHOCKING
DEPARTURE.

RING
GROTTO



MAN-O-MAN...WE'VE BEEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND FRIENDS FOREVER. I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE YOU TWO GET HITCHED!

YOU AIN'T THE ONLY ONE FULL OF SURPRISES, SUGAR-HOG!

APPARENTLY!

YOU REALLY NEEDED ME AND AMY TO BACK YOU UP ON THIS...?

SOME T'INGS I AM STILL NOT SO BRAVE ON.

HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO MUSTER UP THIS MUCH COURAGE?

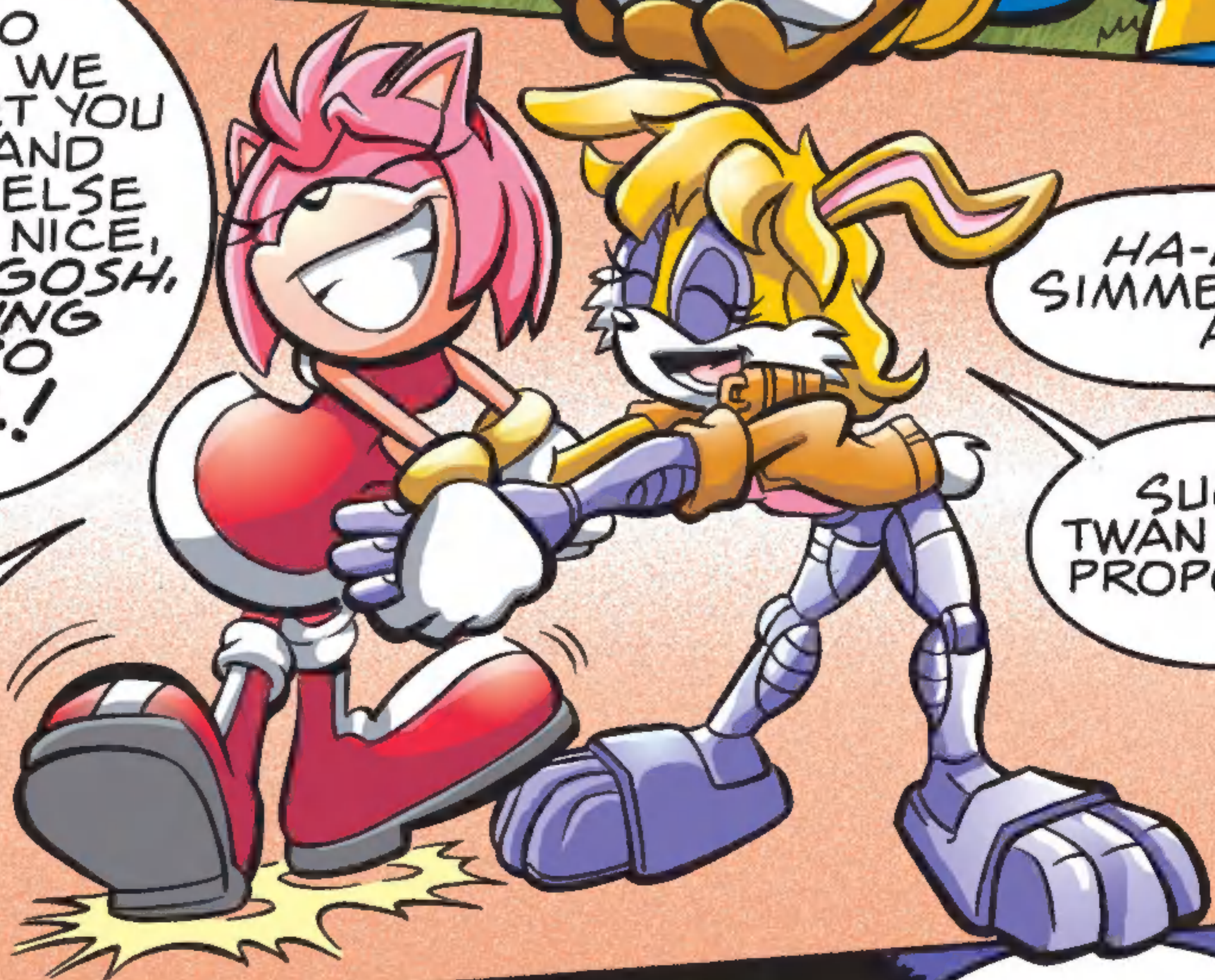


WEEKS.

THIS IS SO EXCITING! WE NEED TO GET YOU A DRESS, AND EVERYONE ELSE WILL DRESS NICE, AND OHMYGOSH, WE'RE GOING TO BE SO **GIRL!**

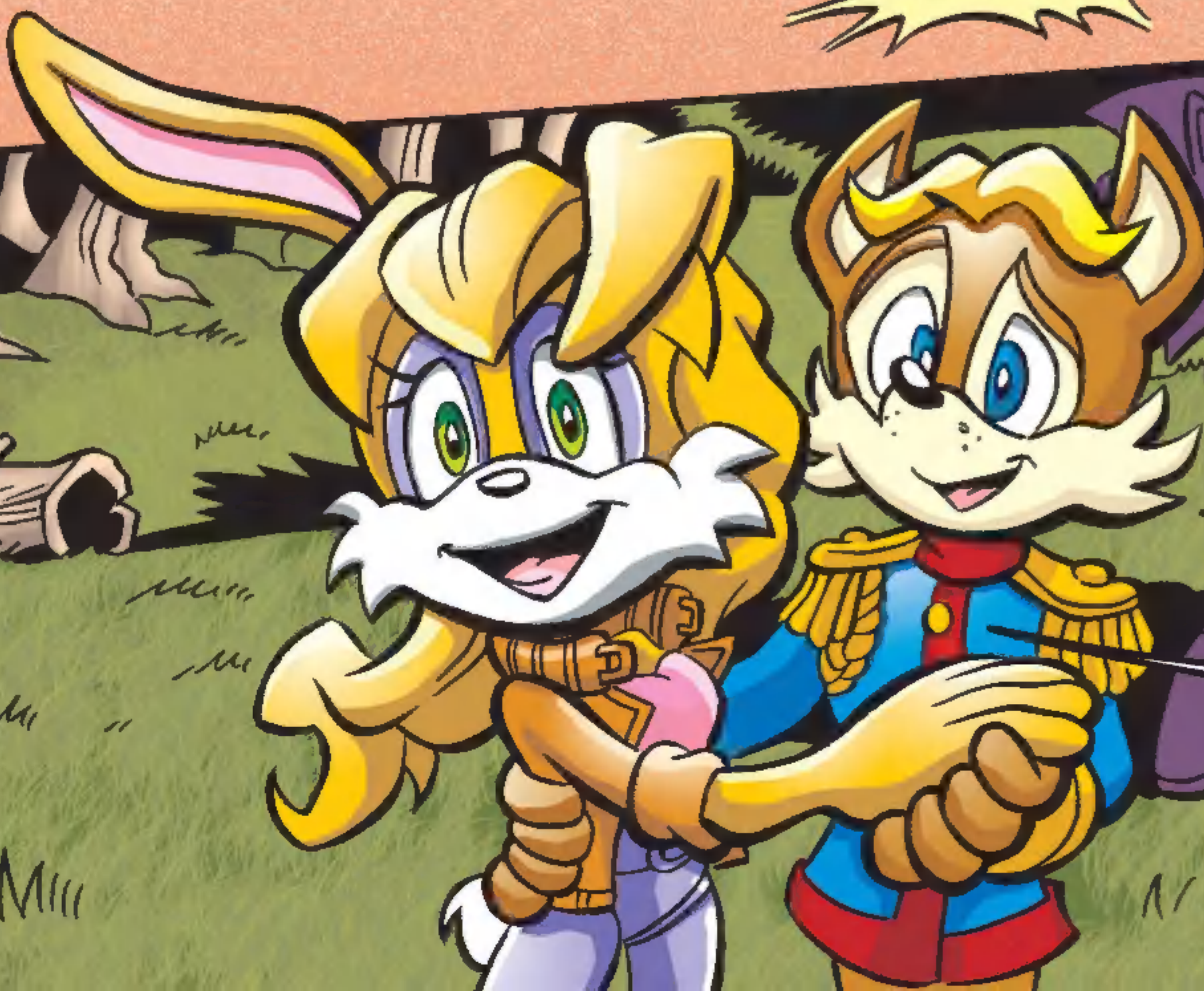
HA-HA-HA! SIMMER DOWN, AMY!

SUGAR-TWAN JUST PROPOSED!



BUT WE WILL NOT BE WAITING LONG, NON?

OF COURSE NOT! NOW, WHERE'S SALLY? MAH BEST FRIEND NEEDS TO KNOW...



"...THAT AH'M
GETTING
MARRIED!"

THANK
YOU AGAIN,
KNUCKLES.
I FELT A LOT
BETTER
SENDING THE
CHAOTIX WITH
MINA.

NOT A
PROBLEM, SALLY.
HER WORLD
TOUR STARTED
OFF FINE.

GOOD! I WAS
WORRIED NACK
MIGHT TRY TO
FINISH HIS OLD
CONTRACT.*

NO NACK,
BUT VECTOR
GOT WIND OF
SOMETHING
ELSE
ENTIRELY.

HAVE
YOU
SEEN
ROUGE
LATELY?

*TO ASSASSINATE
MINA BACK IN
STH #153.

NO.
WHY?

WORD IS SHE STOLE
THE MASTER EMERALD
FROM ANGEL ISLAND
AND IS SELLING IT TO
THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

WHAT?

THAT DOESN'T
MAKE ANY SENSE.
ROUGE HAS ONLY
WANTED IT FOR
HERSELF.

REGARDLESS, IT'S
TOO MAGICALLY
POWERFUL TO LET
ANYBODY BUY IT.
ESPECIALLY WITH
SO MANY DANGEROUS
FORCES OUT THERE
RIGHT NOW.

HAS
LOCKE
CONTACTED
YOU ABOUT
THIS?

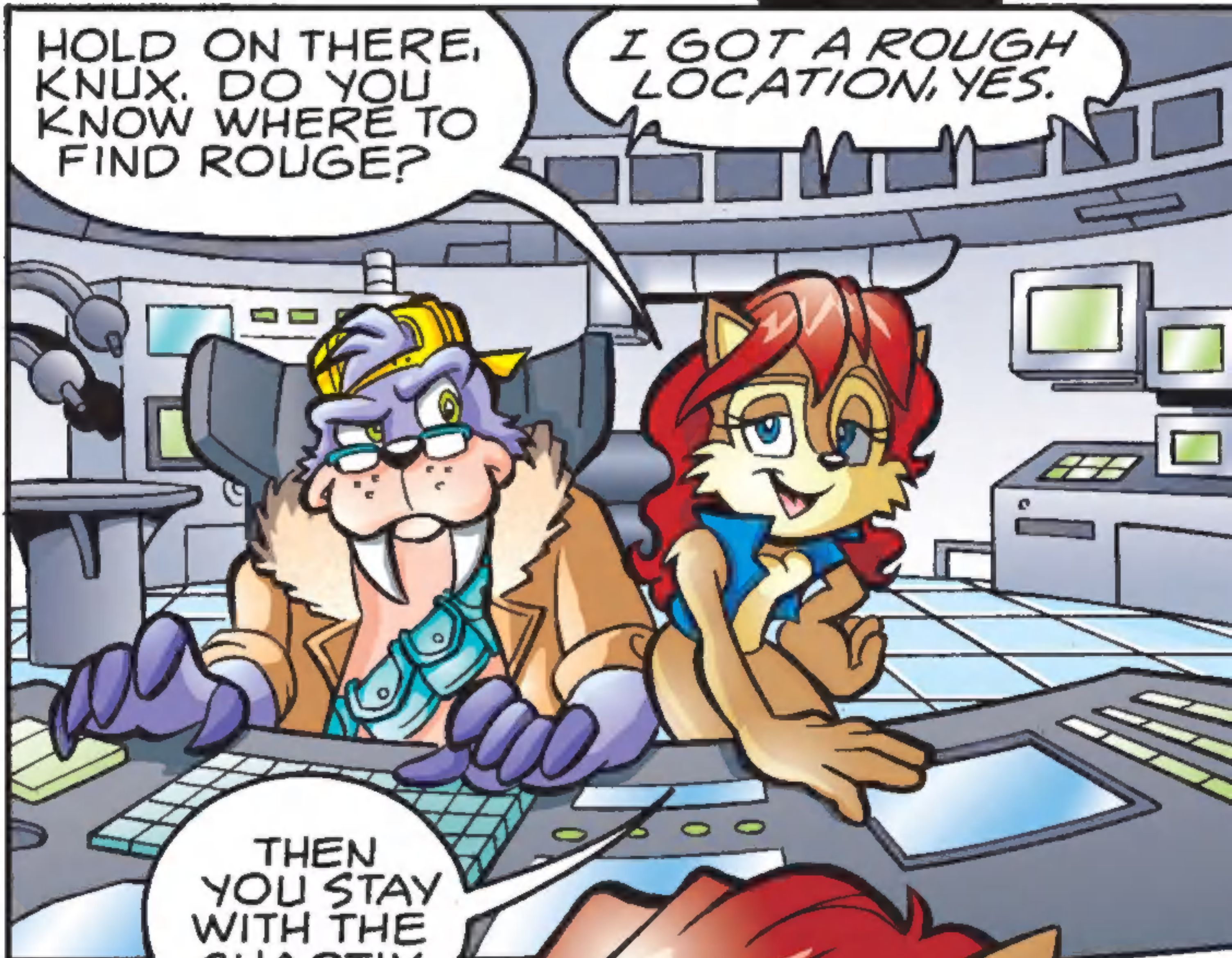
NO,
DAD AND I...
WE AREN'T ON
SPEAKING
TERMS
RIGHT
NOW.

THE CHAOTIX WILL MAKE
SURE THE NEXT LEG OF MINA'S
TOUR GOES ON FINE. I--VECTOR,
STOP LAUGHING AT JULIE-SU--
I'LL BE BACK TO KNOTHOLE AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE!



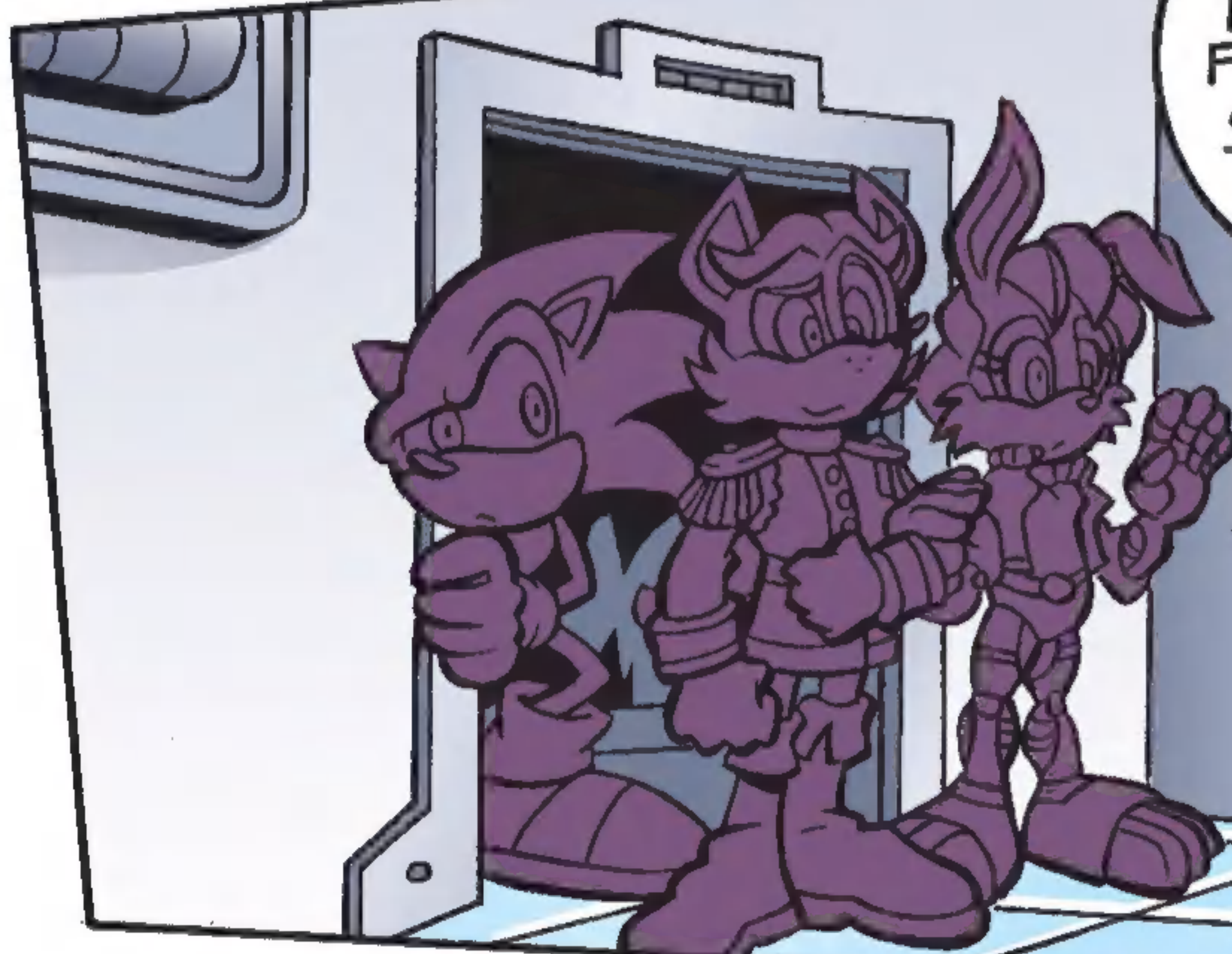
HOLD ON THERE,
KNUX. DO YOU
KNOW WHERE TO
FIND ROUGE?

I GOT A ROUGH
LOCATION, YES.



THEN
YOU STAY
WITH THE
CHAOTIX.

THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
OWE YOU
THIS ONE.



*THE SPAT
WAS BACK IN
5TH #165.



THE MARSHLANDS--
THAT NIGHT...

CRIMENY... YOU
TWO TELL HER YOU'RE
GETTING MARRIED, AND
SHE SENDS US ALL ON
A STING MISSION.

ZAT
EES PART
OF BEING
A FREEDOM
FIGHTER,
NON?

YEAH, BUT IT'S
STILL JUST LIKE
SALLY NOWADAYS.
I MEAN, SHE
HASN'T EVEN BEEN
BACK WITH US
RECENTLY!

NON, SHE HAS
BEEN TRYING TO
RULE ZE LAST HOLD
OF FREEDOM AGAINST
ROBOTNEEK, WHILE HER
FATHAIR IS ALMOST
ALWAYS FIGHTING FOR
HEES LIFE. NEVER MIND
THAT SHE WAS THEENKING
THAT YOU WERE DEAD
FOR A YEAR.

YEAH, WELL,
WE'VE ALL HAD
IT ROUGH
LATELY.

SINCE WHEN
WERE YOU THE
VOICE OF REASON,
'T WAN?

OUI,
WHEECH IS WHY
I AM ZO HAPPY
WE HAVE EACH
OTHER TO RELY
ON.

EET
COMES
WITH
TIME.

...AND MATURITY!

HEY!

I HAVE A CONFESSION TO MAKE, BUNNIE!

WHAT'S THAT, SAL?

ME BEING ON THIS MISSION ... MAKING THE TEAM LIKE THIS... IT WAS SELFISH OF ME.

WHATCHA MEAN? EACH TEAM'S GOT A POWER-PLAYAH AND A TACTICAL MIND.

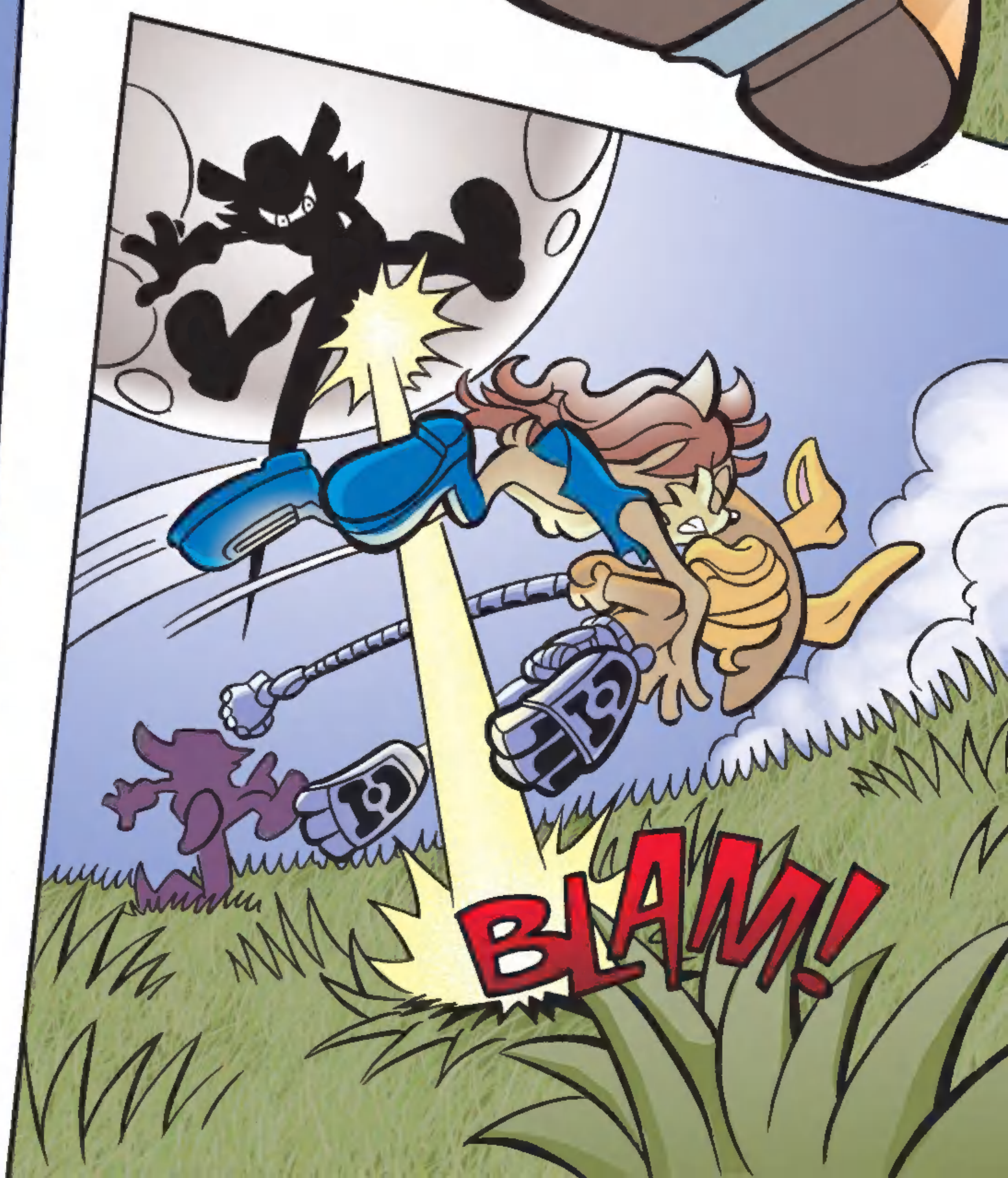
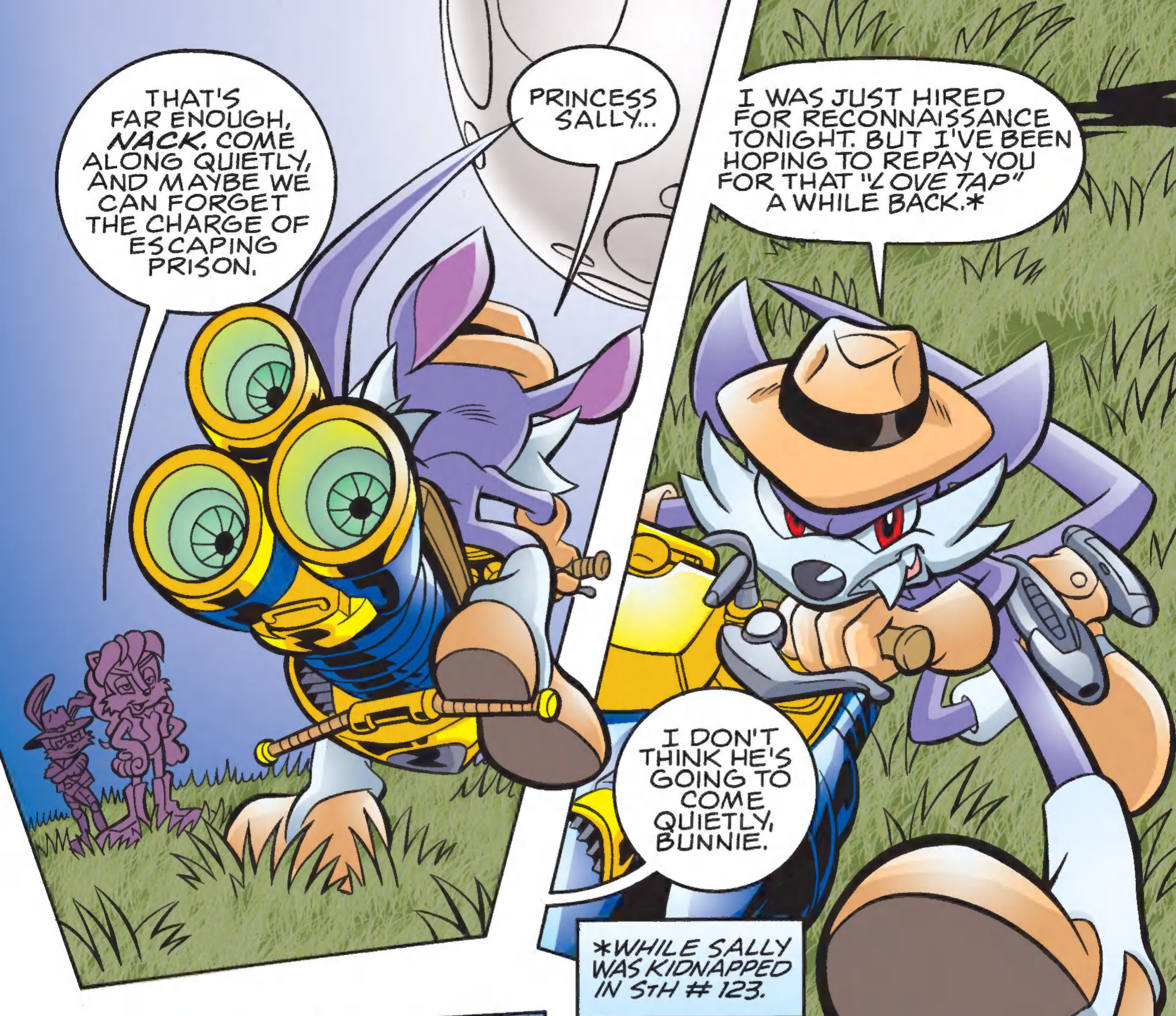
YEAH, BUT...

DON'T THINK I HAVEN'T NOTICED, BUNNIE. I HAVEN'T REALLY BEEN A PART OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOR A LONG TIME. YOU AND ANTOINE GETTING MARRIED... AND SONIC AND I BEING SO DISTANT NOW ... I'M BEING JEALOUS.

AH'M GLAD YOU SEE IT, SUGAH, BECAUSE AH WAS STARTIN' TO WORRY FOR YA. BUT WE'RE STILL YO' FRIENDS. WE CAN UNDERSTAND IF YOU GIVE US A CHANCE.

OH, BUNNIE... RIGHT NOW I REALLY WISH I COULD...

...BUT OUR FIRST GUEST HAS ARRIVED.





SOUNDS LIKE THE FUN'S STARTED FOR THE NIGHT.

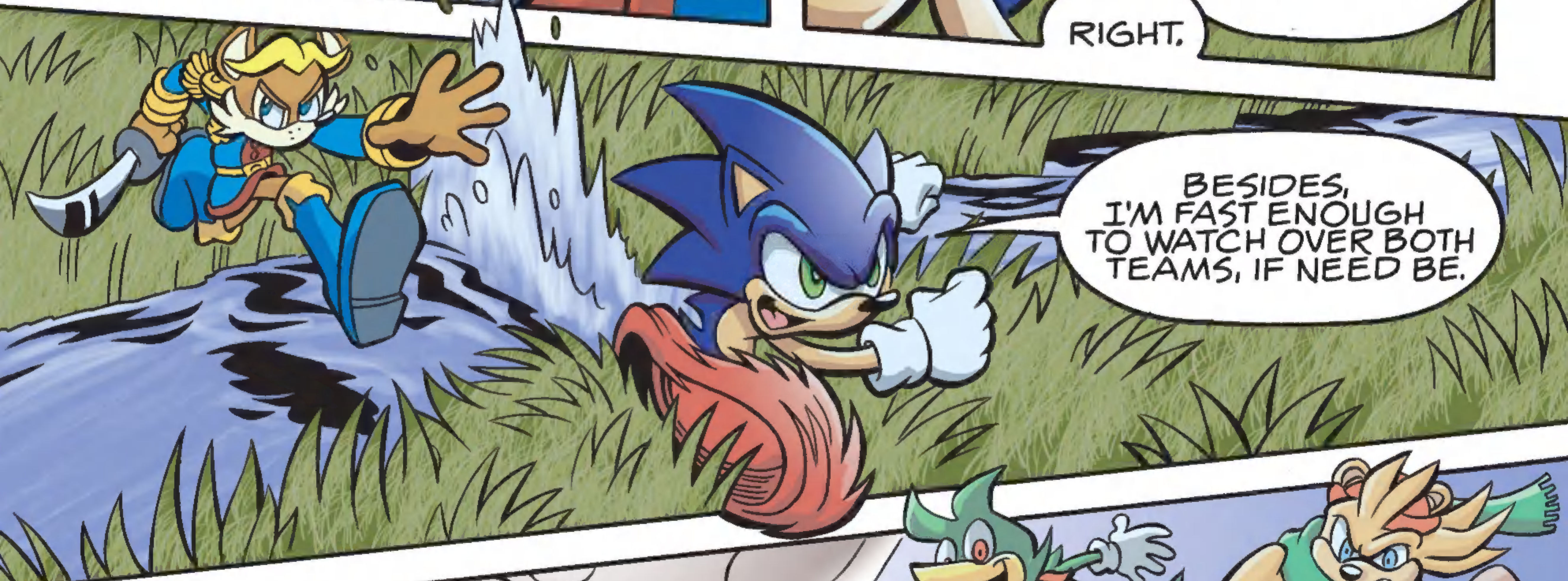
OUI! WE HAVE TWO TO DEAL WITH OURSELVES!



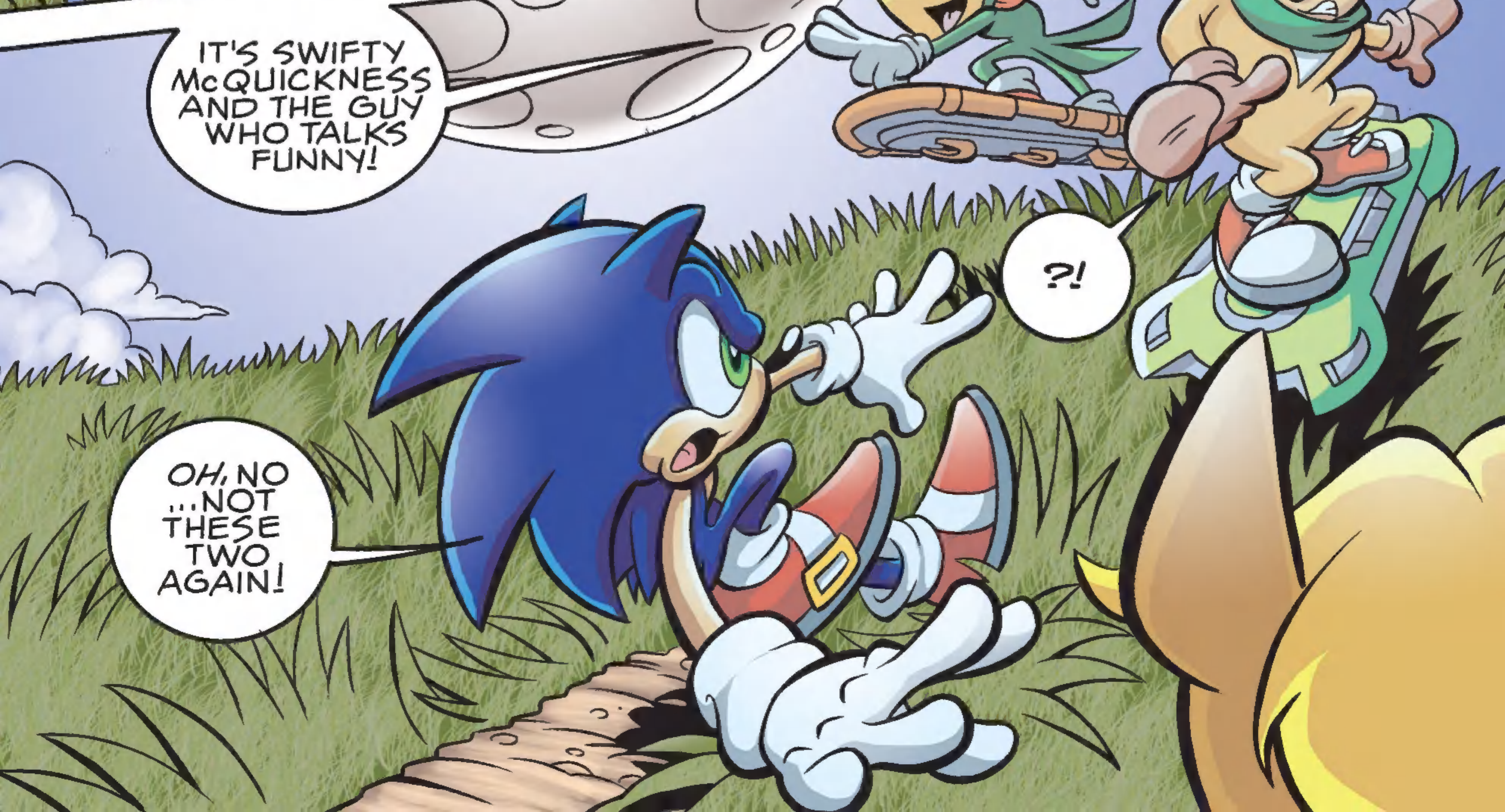
YEAH, BUT... SALLY'S BEEN OUT OF IT FOR SO LONG!

WE MUST HAVE ZE FAITH THAT OUR PRINCESS AND MA FIANCEE CAN FEND FOR THEMSELVES.

RIGHT.



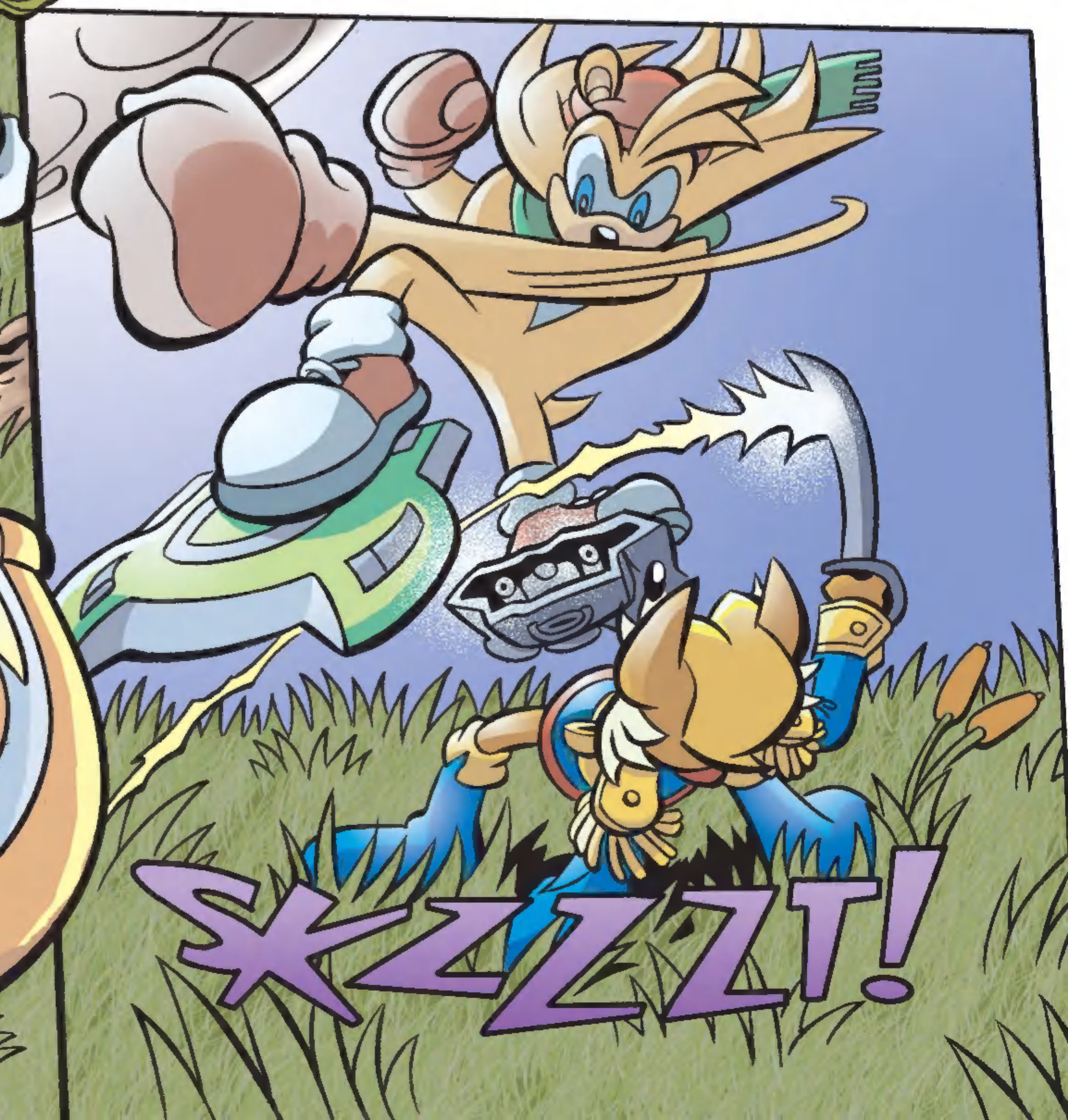
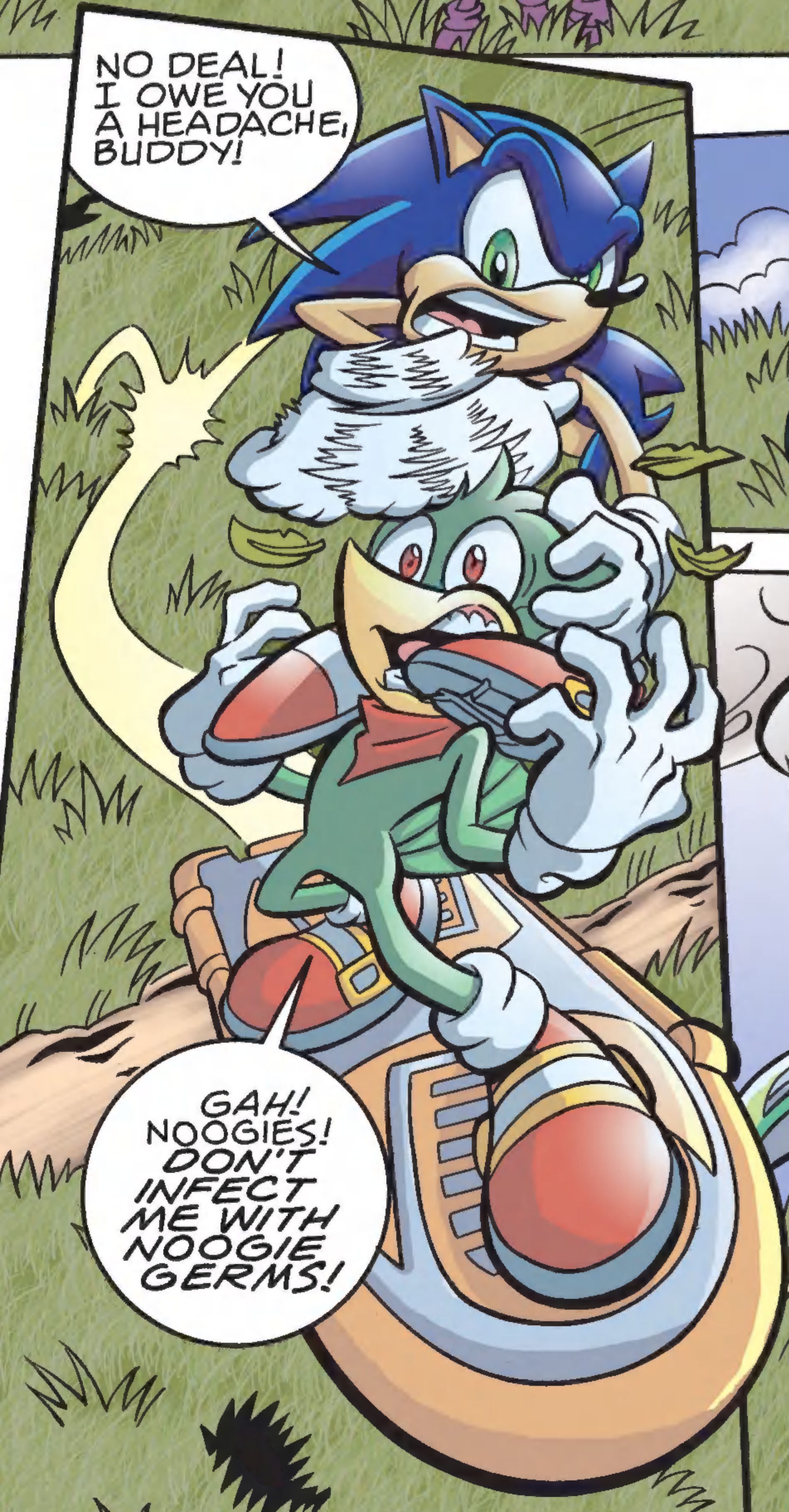
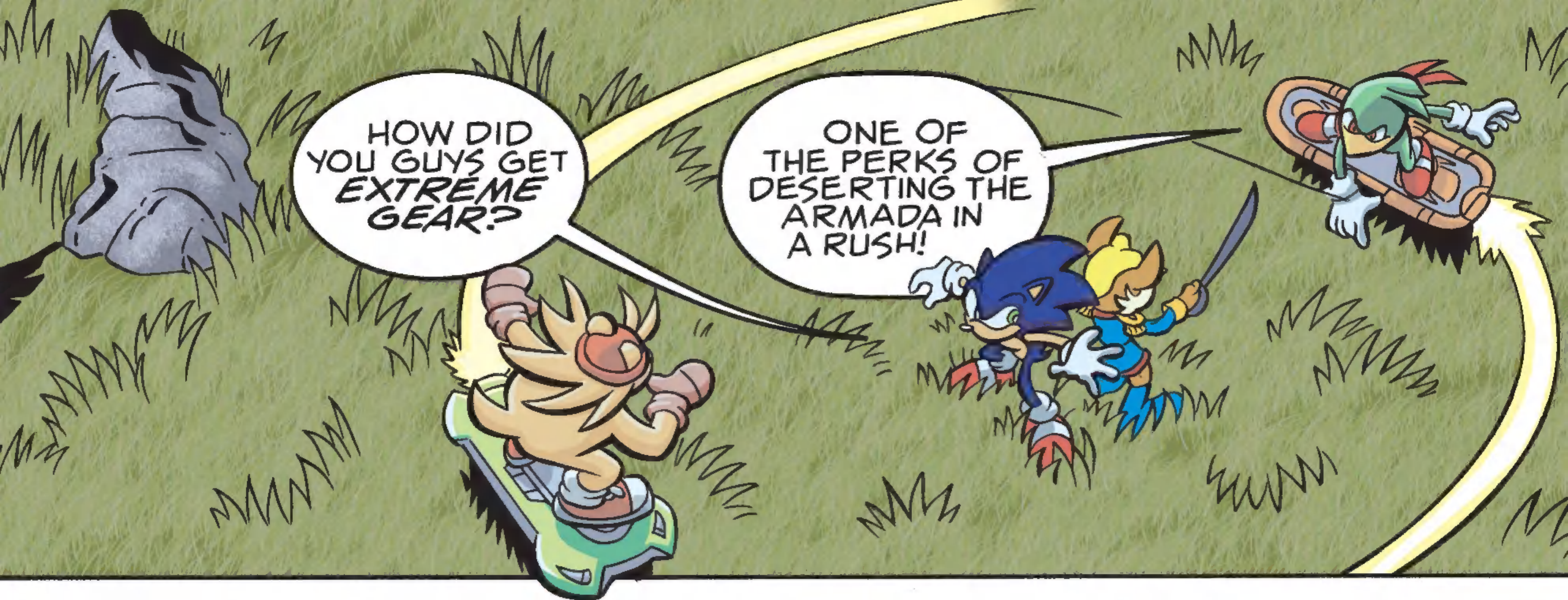
BESIDES, I'M FAST ENOUGH TO WATCH OVER BOTH TEAMS, IF NEED BE.



IT'S SWIFTY McQUICKNESS AND THE GUY WHO TALKS FUNNY!

?!

OH, NO ...NOT THESE TWO AGAIN!





NICE
SWORD-PLAY,
ANTOINE.

LOOKS
LIKE WE'RE
CLEANIN' UP
NICELY
TONIGHT.

MERCI, MA
PRINCESS.

WHERE'S
SONIC?

HE HAS
BEAN.



INDY!

MELON!

STALE
FISH!

WHERE'S
YOUR OFF-
BUTTON?!

PLEASE
CONSULT
YOUR
OWNER'S
MANUAL?

THWOK
THERE
IT IS!



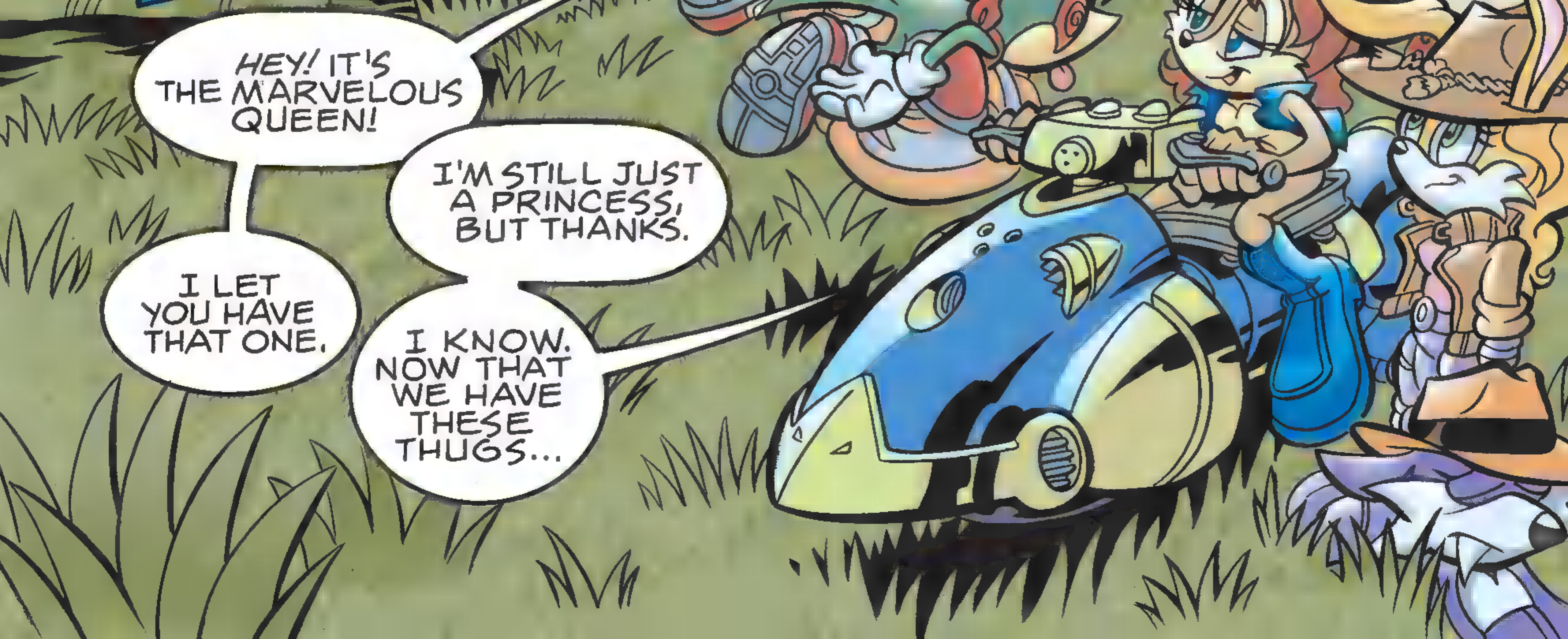
MORE FOR
ME, I'M
DRIVING--

HEY! IT'S
THE MARVELOUS
QUEEN!

I'M STILL JUST
A PRINCESS,
BUT THANKS.

I LET
YOU HAVE
THAT ONE.

I KNOW.
NOW THAT
WE HAVE
THESE
THUGS...



LET'S GO
CONFRONT
ROUGE.

JEEZ...I OFFER UP
THE "MASTER EMERALD"
AND THERE ARE NO
TAKERS. WHAT DOES
A GIRL HAVE TO DO TO
GET SOME ATTENTION
THESE DAYS?

REST
ASSURED,
MADAM...

...YOU AND
YOUR GENEROUS
OFFER HAVE
GONE FAR FROM
UNNOTICED.

HISSESSS...

M-MAMMOTH
MOGUL! I--I WASN'T
EXPECTING SOMEBODY
LIKE YOU! I MEAN--
I THOUGHT YOU WERE--

IMPRISONED?
FOR A TIME,
I WAS...

DOCTOR EGGMAN HAD INDEED INCINERATED MY MINIONS AND ME WITHIN HIS EGG GRAPES.* SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SOME FIEND CALLED *FINITEVUS* RESCUED MY DESTRUCTIX AND MADE THEM HIS OWN.**

HERE HE GOES...
*STH # 164.

**STH # 165.

I HAD TO USE IXIS NAUGUS TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE EGG GRAPES UNTIL WE WERE "RESCUED." THE ENIGMATIC PRESENCE KNOWN AS "ANONYMOUS" RELEASED US AS DECOYS AND STOLE MY PRECIOUS CHAOS EMERALD, THUS LIMITING MY POWER.***

THE EXPERIENCE HAS LEFT ME POWER-STARVED AND NAUGUS... MY LOYAL SERVANT... IS LITTLE MORE THAN ANIMAL NOW.

HISSSSS...

*** STH # 168. WE THINK HE'S DONE.

BUT NOW, WITH THIS PRECIOUS GEMSTONE, MY POWER WILL NOT ONLY BE RESTORED, BUT ENHANCED TO A DEGREE THAT--

I TAKE IT BACK--BEAN'S A LOT EASIER TO LISTEN TO.

SONIC!

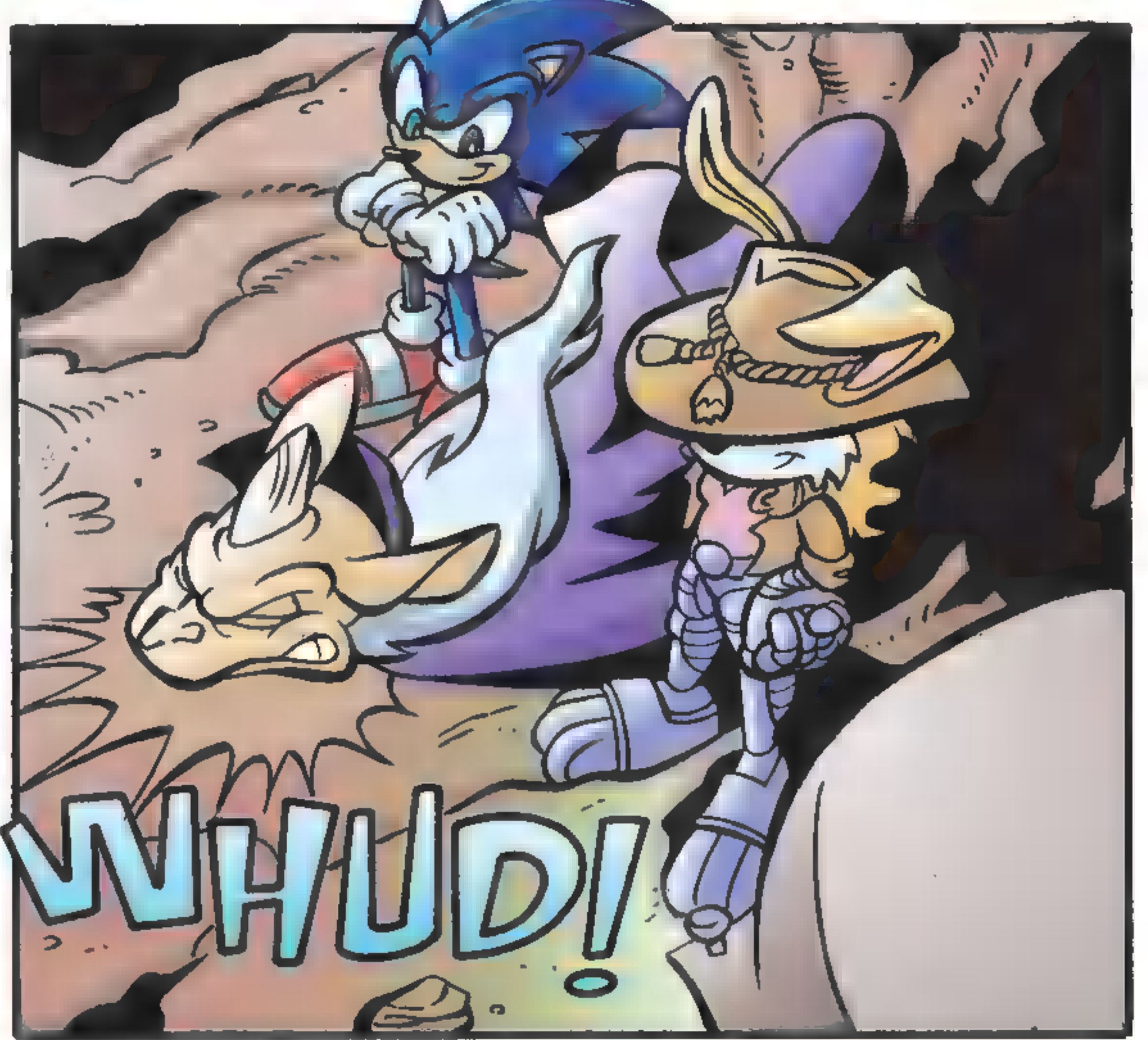
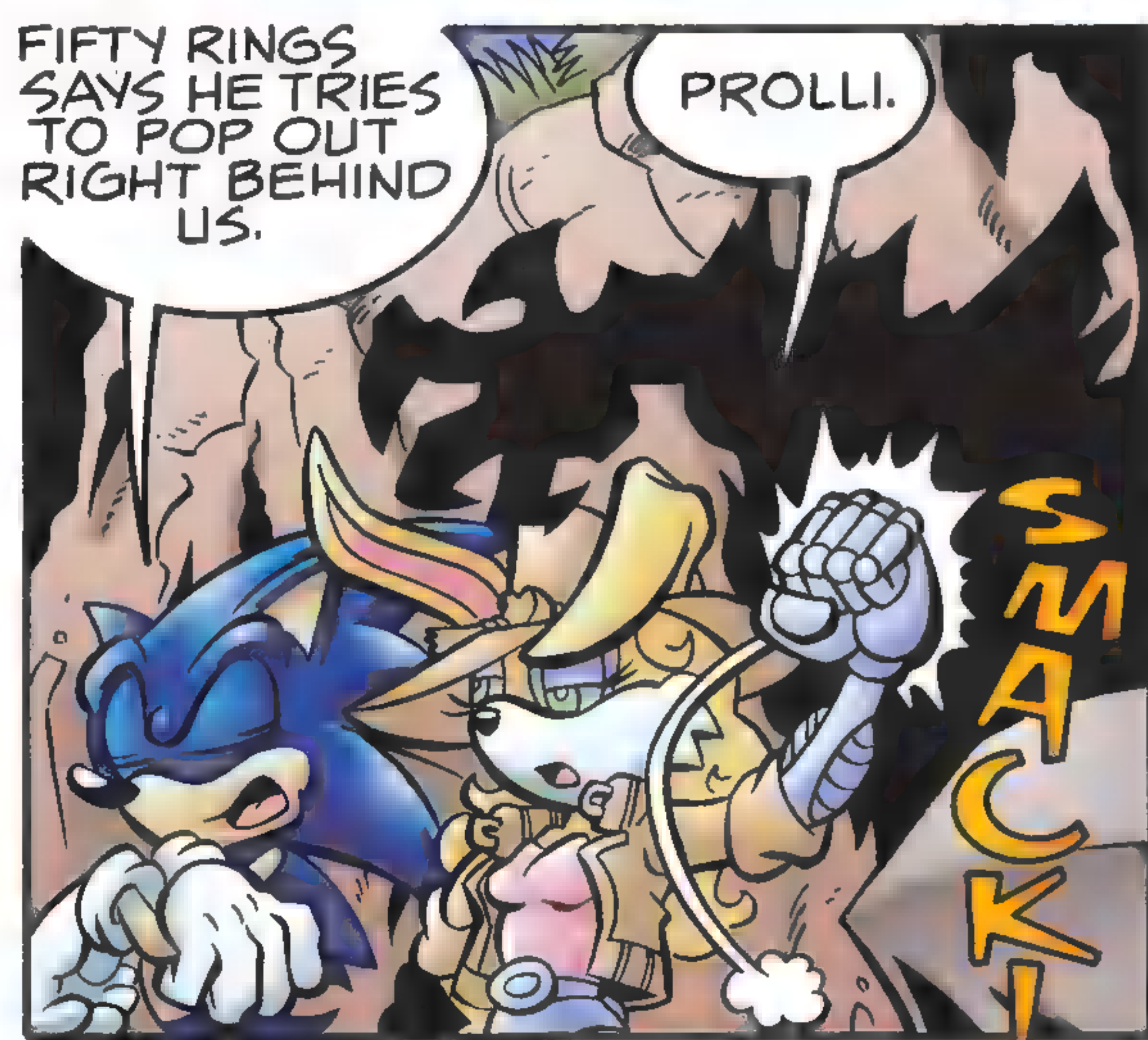
HEY, MOGUL. GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE AS UGLY AS EVER.

YOU ARE A FOOL TO CHALLENGE ME, HEDGEHOG. NAUGUS MAY HAVE LOST HIS MIND AND ELEMENTAL MAGIC, BUT HE HAS SOMEHOW GAINED THE POWER TO SHADOW-MELD, APPEARING ANYWHERE BEFORE YOU CAN--!



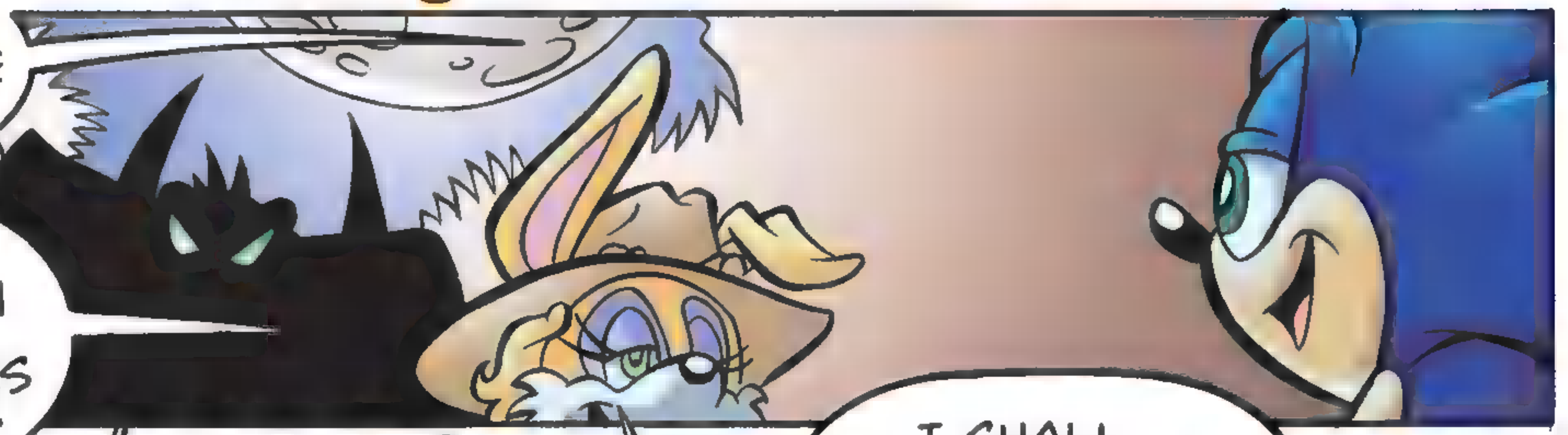
FIFTY RINGS SAYS HE TRIES TO POP OUT RIGHT BEHIND US.

PROLLI.



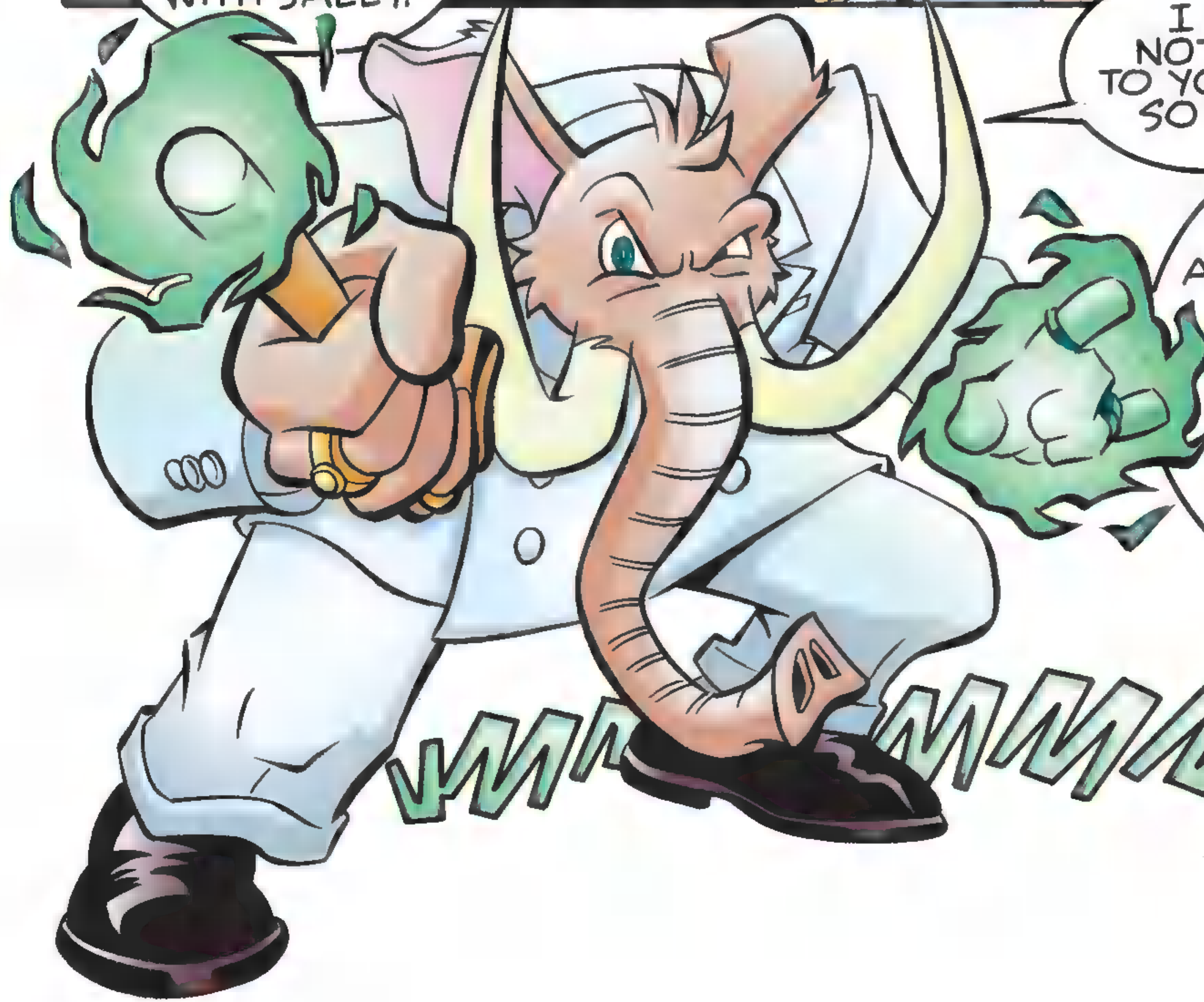
DO YOU WANT TO GET ANTOINE FOR THIS?

NAH. HE CAN FINISH TYIN' UP THE OTHERS WITH SALLY.



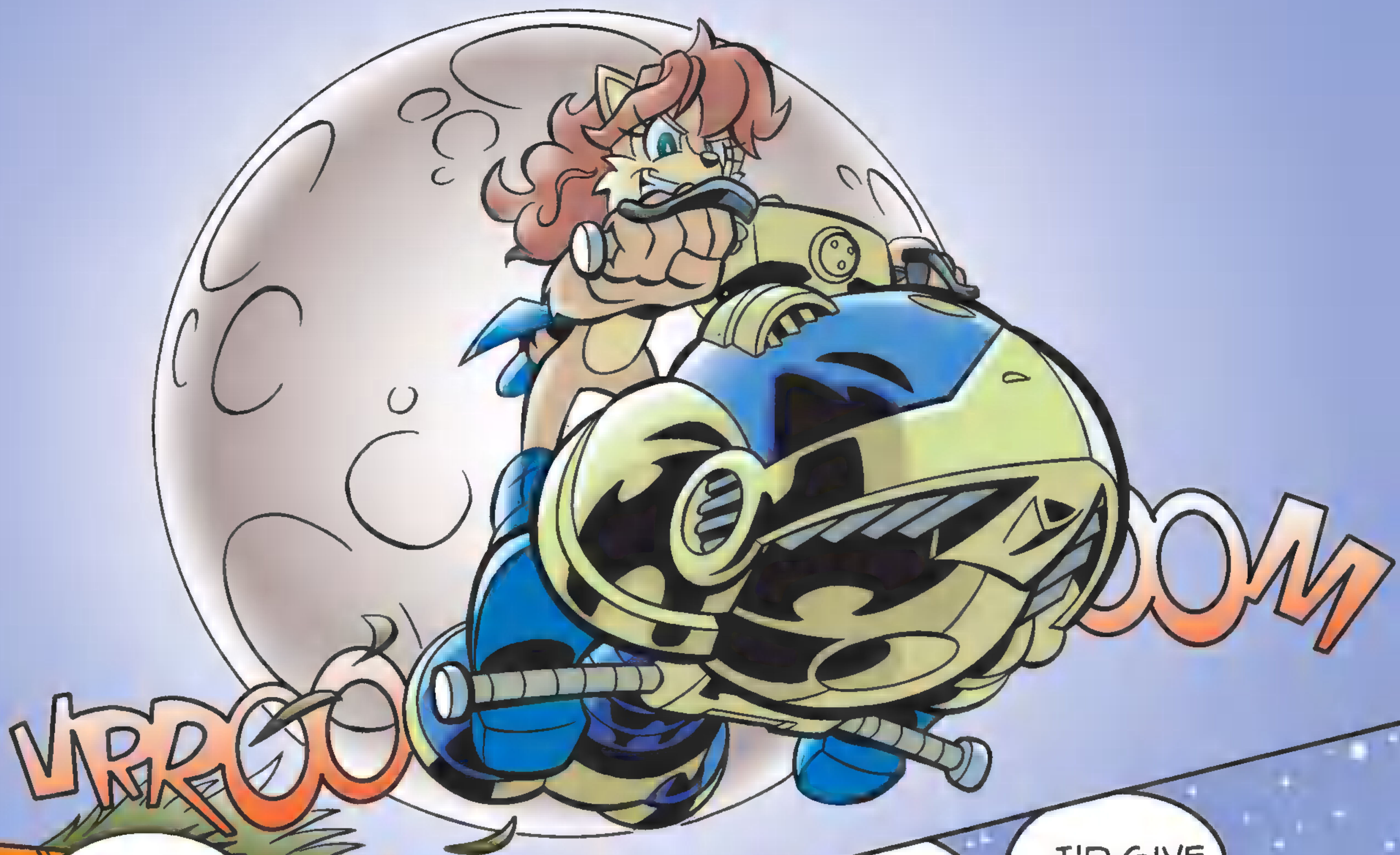
I SHALL NOT SUCCUMB TO YOU MORTALS SO EASILY!

MY SIZE AND STRENGTH ARE STILL GREAT! AND I STILL POSSESS THE FULL RANGE OF MY IXIS MAGICKS! IF YOU WISH TO SACRIFICE YOURSELVES NEEDLESSLY, THEN COME--



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VRRROO

BOOM

YOU HAVE  
THE RIGHT  
TO REMAIN  
SILENT!

WHAM

NOW  
THAT IS AN  
ENTRANCE.

I'D GIVE  
IT A TEN.

THANK  
YOU, THANK  
YOU. BUNNIE,  
LET ANTOINE  
KNOW WE'LL  
NEED MORE  
ROPE.

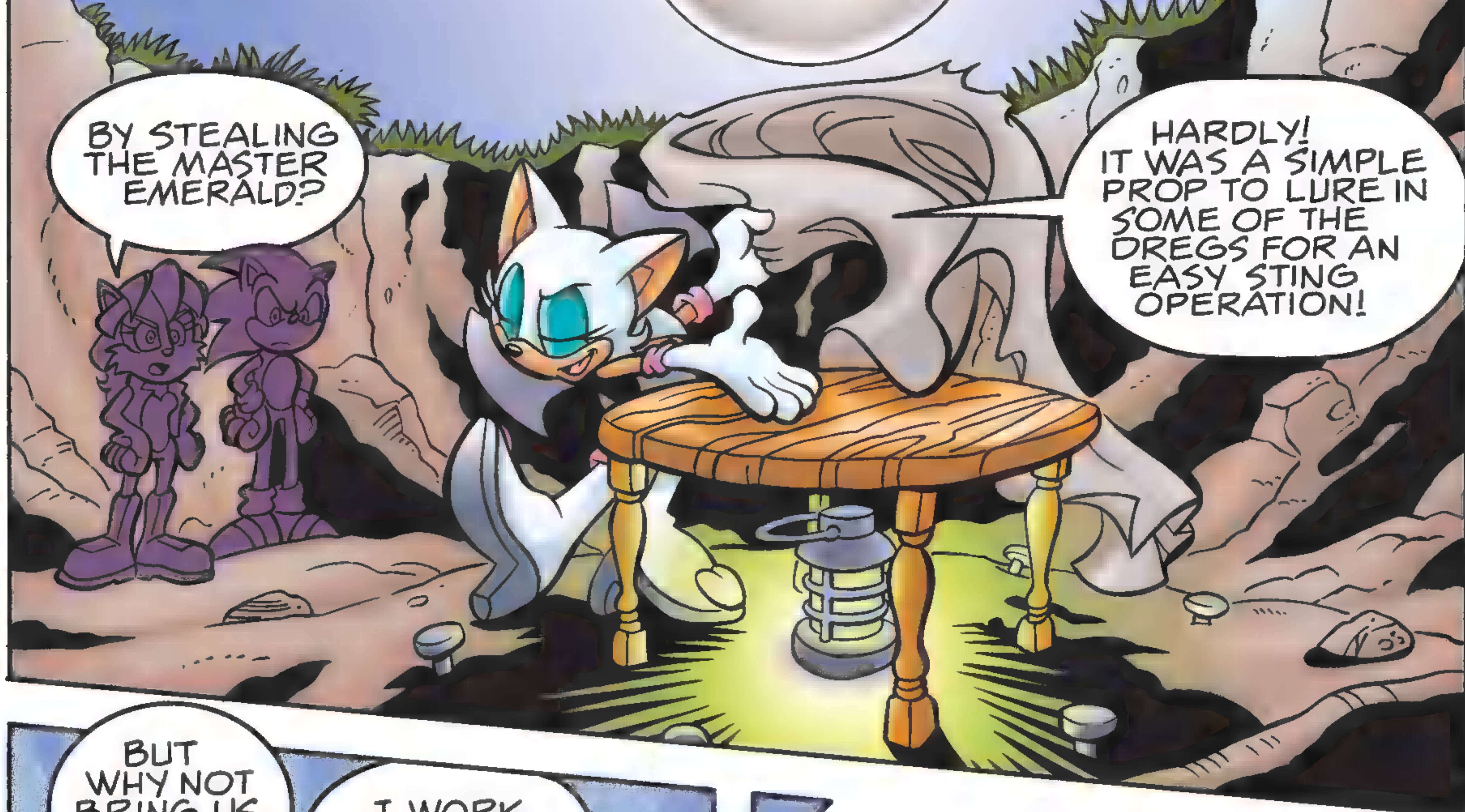
HA-HA-HA!  
WILL DO,  
SALLY!

FIVE  
DOWN...

...ONE  
TO GO.

WHAT?  
NOW, HOLD ON.  
I'M ON YOUR  
SIDE IN ALL  
THIS.





BY STEALING  
THE MASTER  
EMERALD?

HARDLY!  
IT WAS A SIMPLE  
PROP TO LURE IN  
SOME OF THE  
DREGS FOR AN  
EASY STING  
OPERATION!



BUT  
WHY NOT  
BRING US  
IN ON  
THIS?

I WORK  
BEST ALONE,  
PRINCESS.

THEN  
WHY DO  
THIS FOR  
US AT  
ALL?

IT  
WASN'T  
FOR YOU  
AT ALL...



...I DID IT FOR  
KNUCKLES. I WANTED  
TO SHOW HIM THAT I  
CAN BE A GOOD GIRL  
AND PLAY BY THE  
RULES.

AND YOU DIDN'T THINK  
HE MIGHT BE A *LITTLE*  
ANGRY AT THE THOUGHT  
THAT YOU STOLE THE  
MASTER EMERALD AND  
DROPPED HIS HOMELAND  
INTO THE OCEAN?



HE STRIKES ME  
AS THE KIND OF GUY  
WHO LETS THE ENDS  
JUSTIFY THE MEANS.  
BESIDES, NO HARM--  
NO FOUL, RIGHT?  
LET'S CLEAN UP  
THIS MESS AND  
HEAD BACK  
*HOME.*



SHORTLY  
THEREAFTER...

SONIC...  
MA PRINCESS...  
WE WERE  
WONDERING...

IF Y'ALL WOULD  
BE BEST MAN AND  
MAID OF HONOR  
FOR OUR  
WEDDING?

WHOA!  
SWEET!

OF  
COURSE!

AND I'M LONG  
OVERDUE IN  
SAYING CON-  
GRATULATIONS  
TO YOU BOTH!

DON'T YOU  
GIVE IT A  
SECOND  
THOUGHT,  
SALLY-GIRL.  
WE KNOW  
YOU'VE HAD  
A LOT ON  
YER MIND  
LATELY.

WE'VE TAKEN DOWN  
SOME OF THE MOST  
DANGEROUS ROGUES  
ON MOBIUS. WE'RE  
STILL A TEAM OF  
FRIENDS AND  
LOVERS.

THE FUTURE  
LOOKS BRIGHT,  
FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS!

SWEET  
ENOUGH TO ROT YOUR  
TEETH, AREN'T THEY?  
CAN WE GO NOW?

YEAH, WE'VE FILLED OUR  
MUSHY QUOTA. LET'S JUICE  
IT BACK HOME, GANG!

HAVE THEY  
REPORTED  
IN YET?





I'M AFRAID NOT, SIR. BEAN, BARK, AND NACK MAY HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.



OF COURSE THEY WERE, SNIVELY. I KNEW THAT MASTER EMERALD PLOY HAD TO BE A TRICK.

AND YOU HIRED THEM *JUST TO BE CERTAIN.*

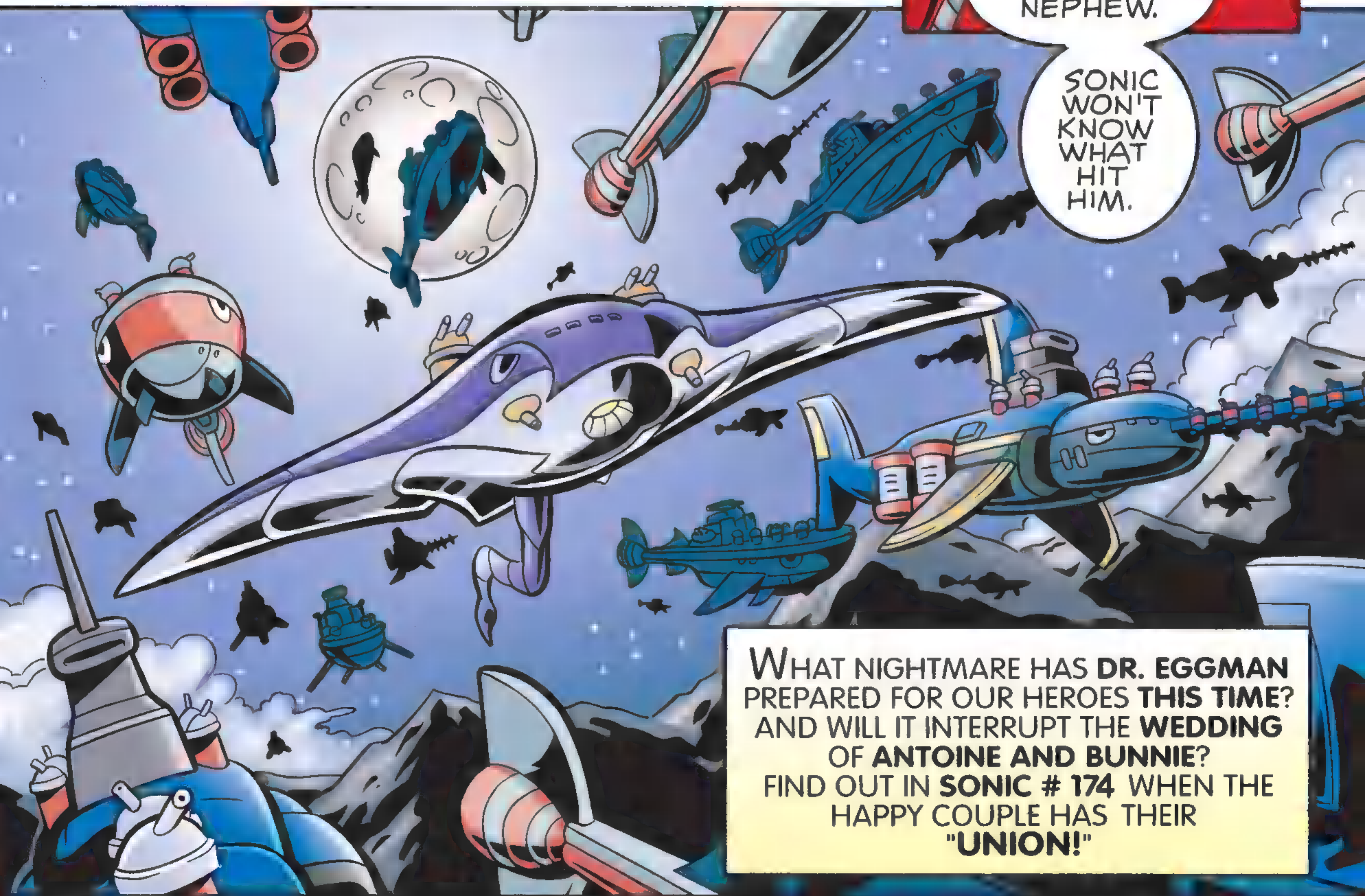
NATURALLY.

THERE IS SOME GOOD NEWS, HOWEVER. PRODUCTION OF THE FLEET HAS BEEN FINISHED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AND YOUR PARTICULAR PROJECT WILL BE FINISHED RIGHT ON TIME.



EXCELLENT NEWS INDEED, NEPHEW.

SONIC WON'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM.



WHAT NIGHTMARE HAS DR. EGGMAN PREPARED FOR OUR HEROES THIS TIME? AND WILL IT INTERRUPT THE WEDDING OF ANTOINE AND BUNNIE? FIND OUT IN **SONIC # 174** WHEN THE HAPPY COUPLE HAS THEIR **"UNION!"**





**SEE YA' LATER CHAO!**

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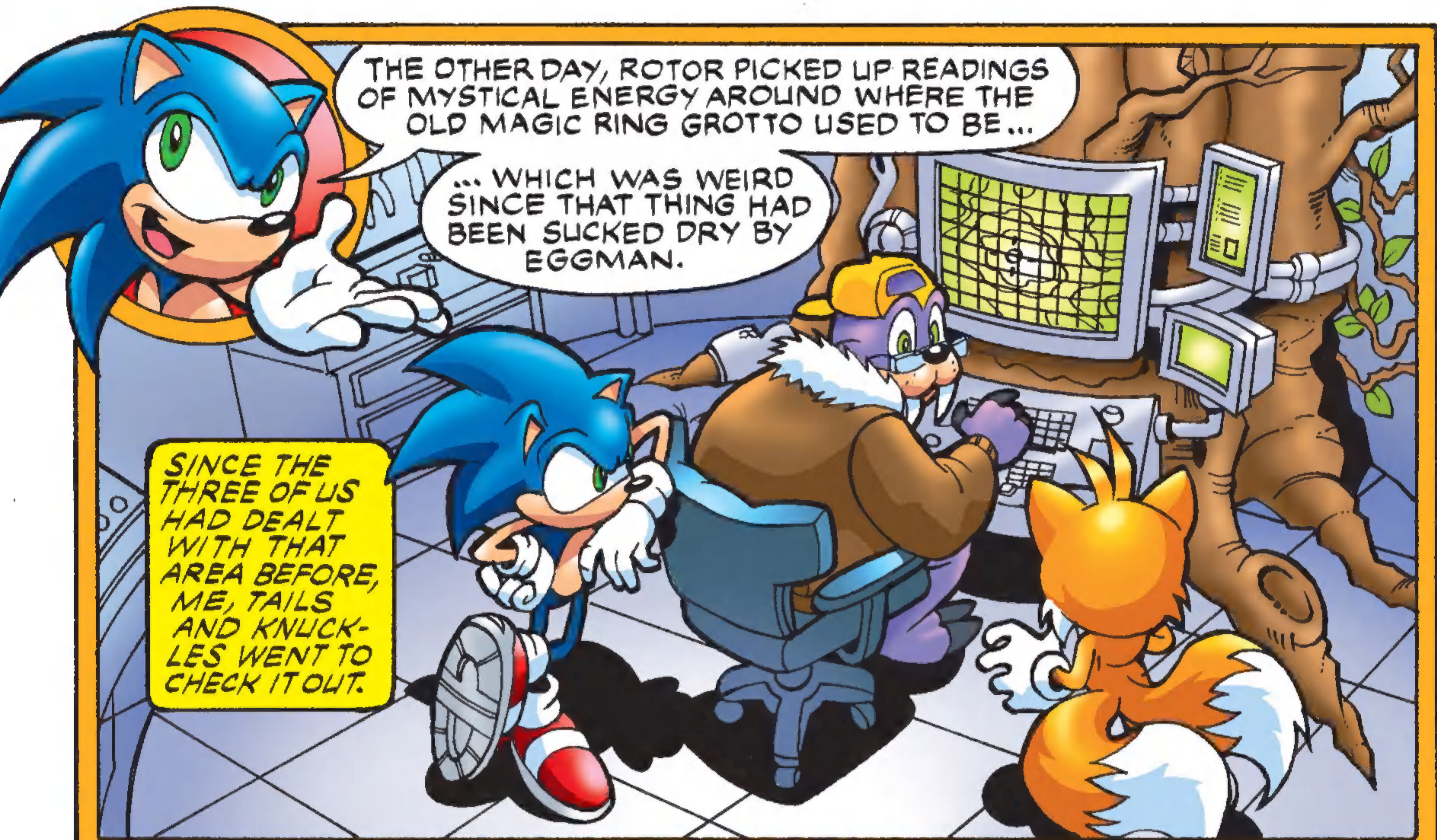
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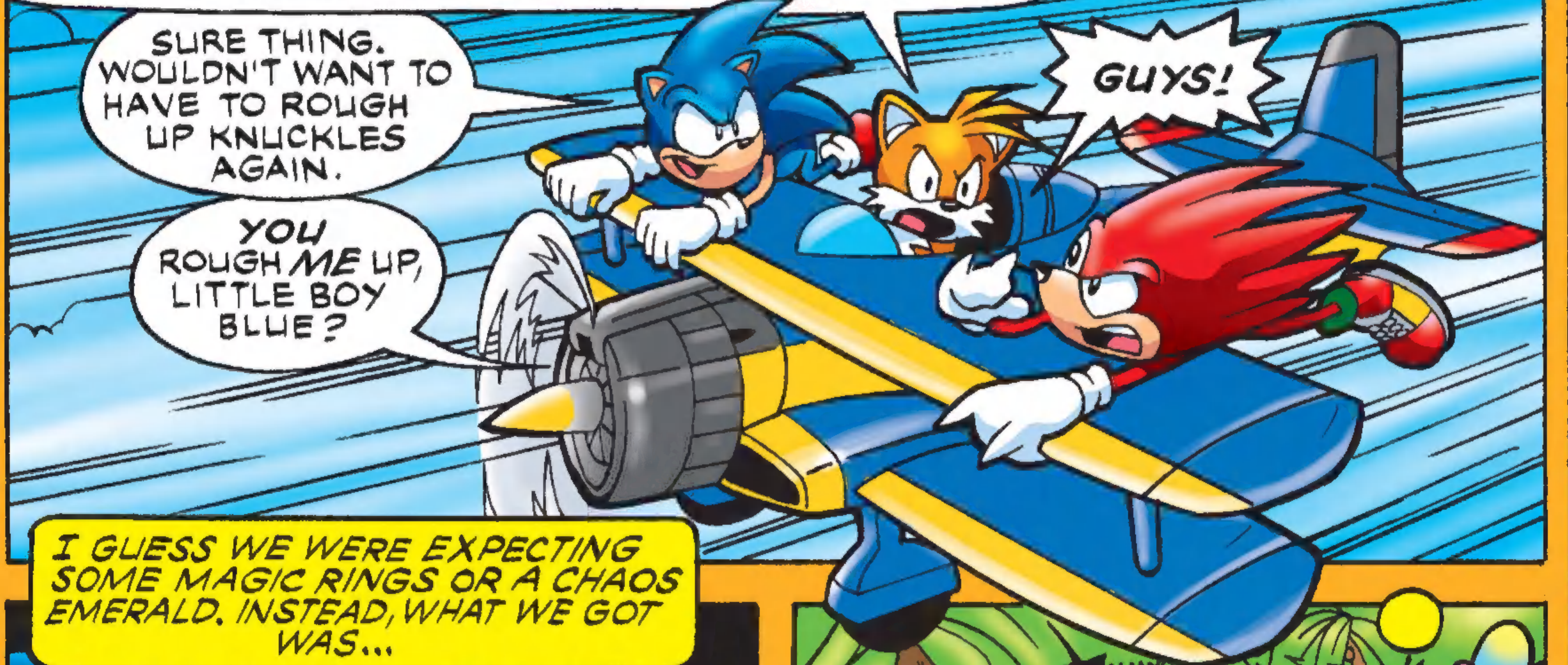
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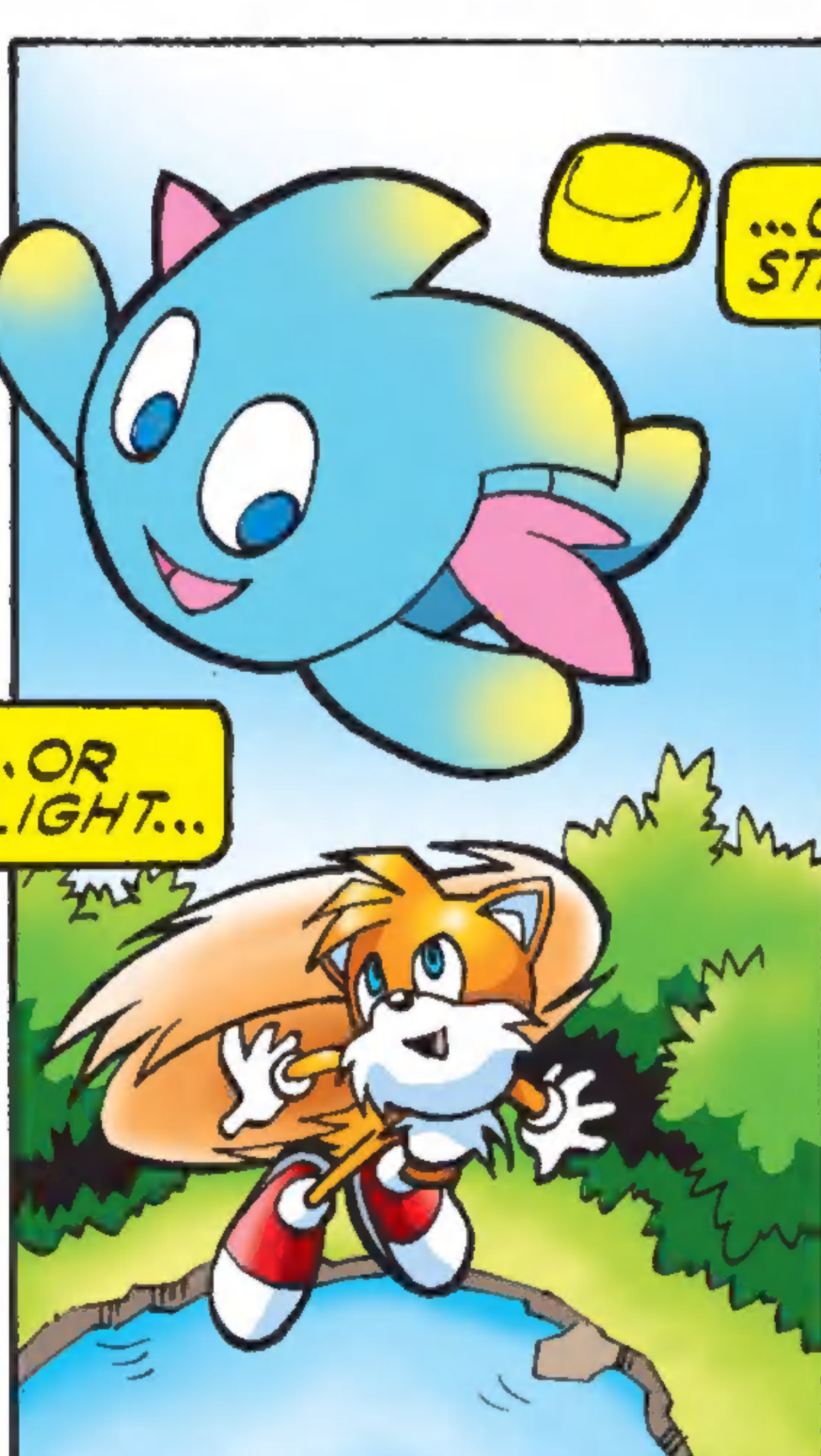
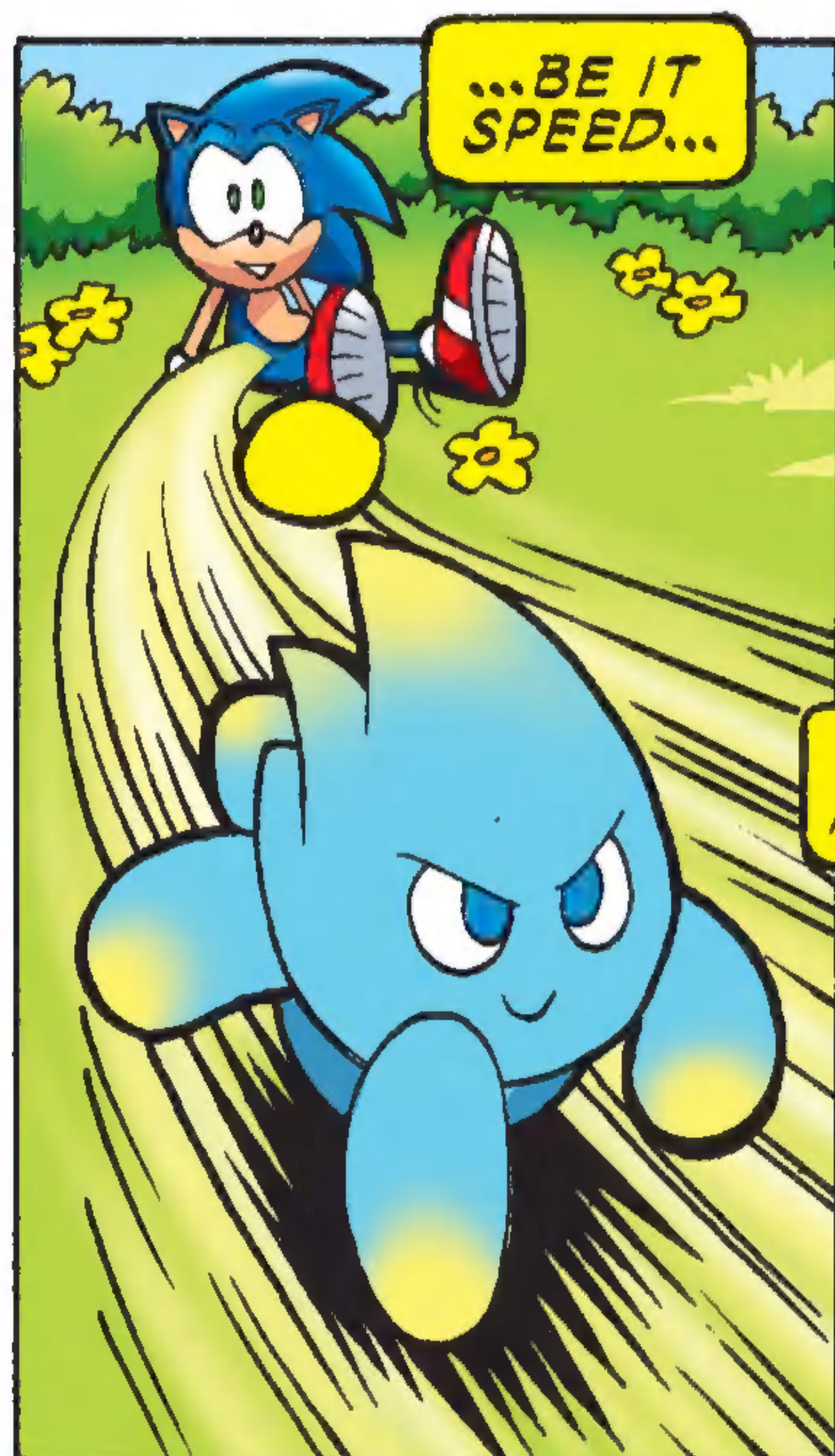
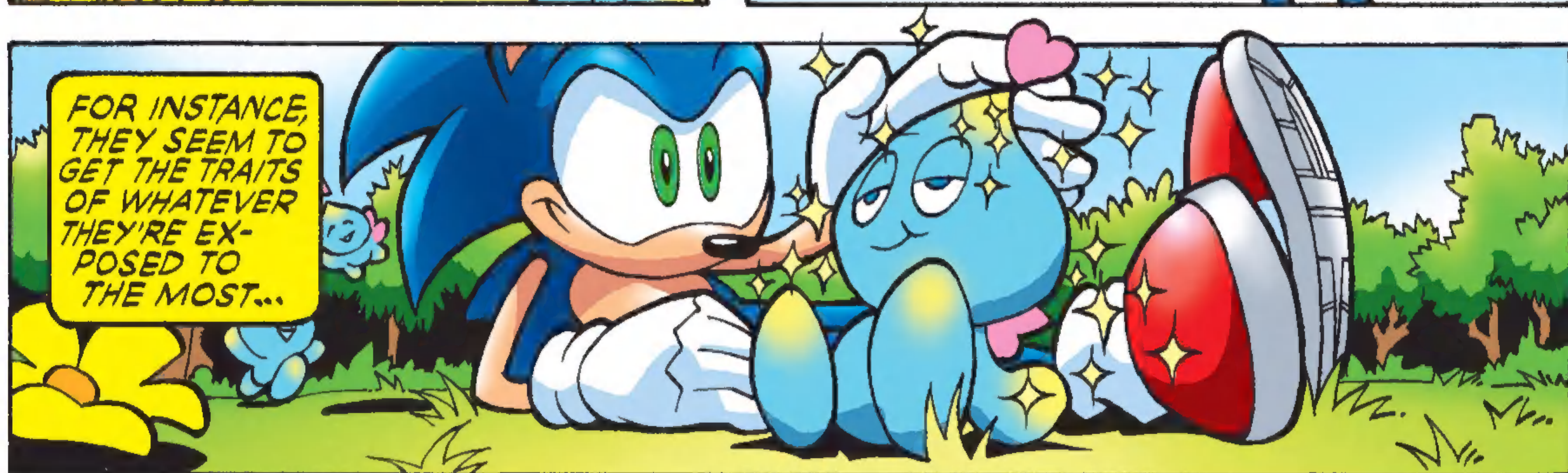
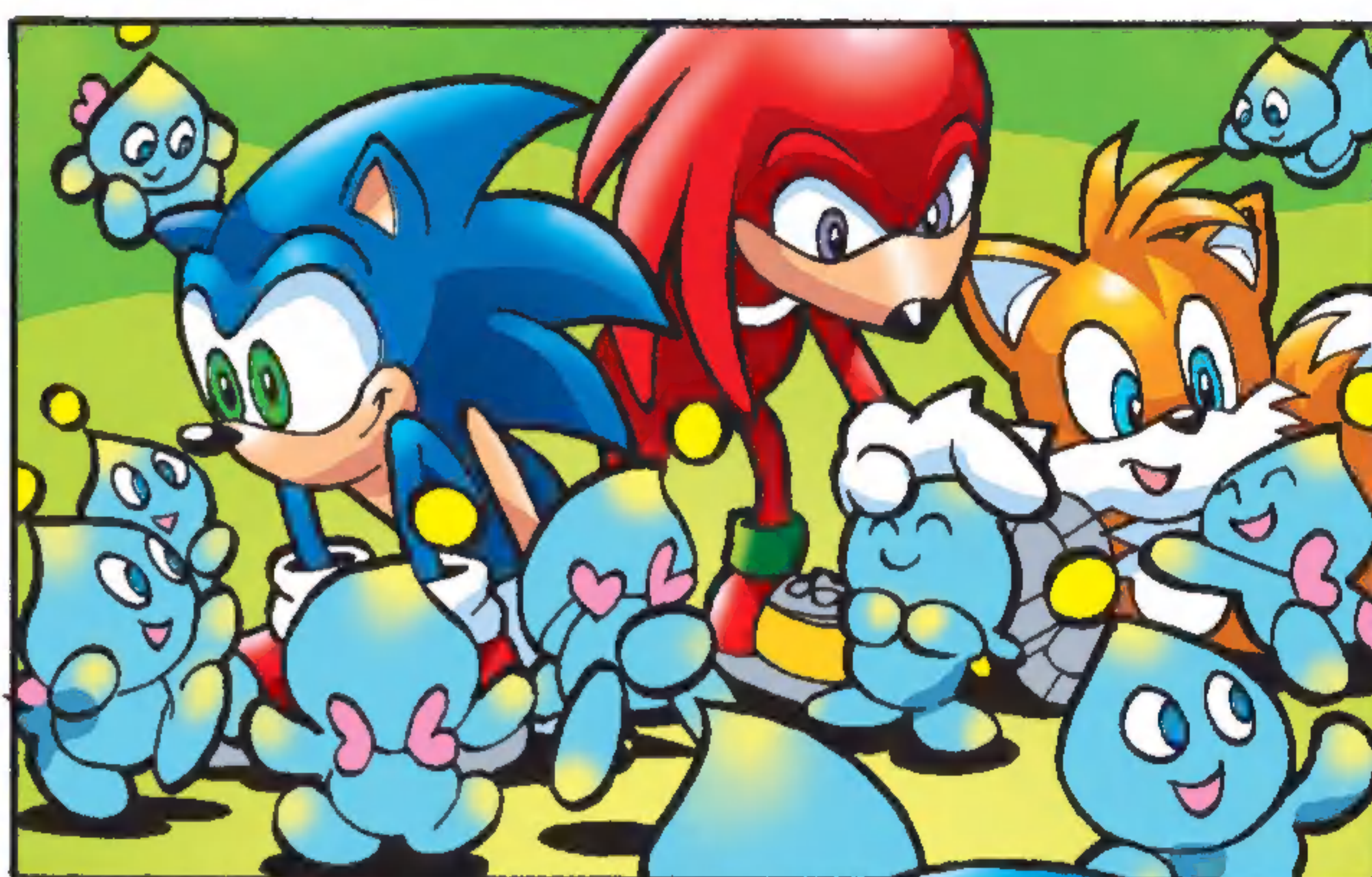
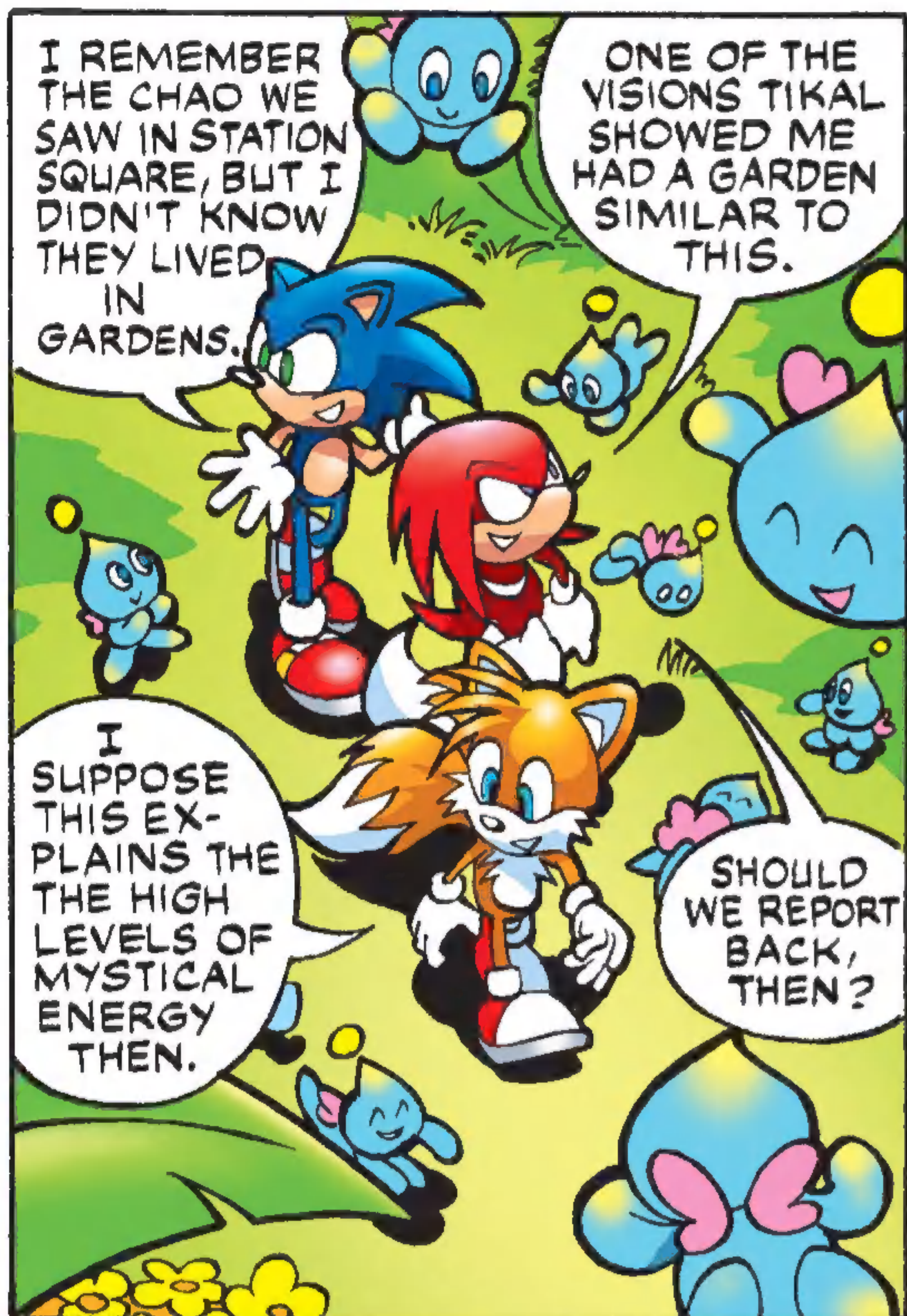




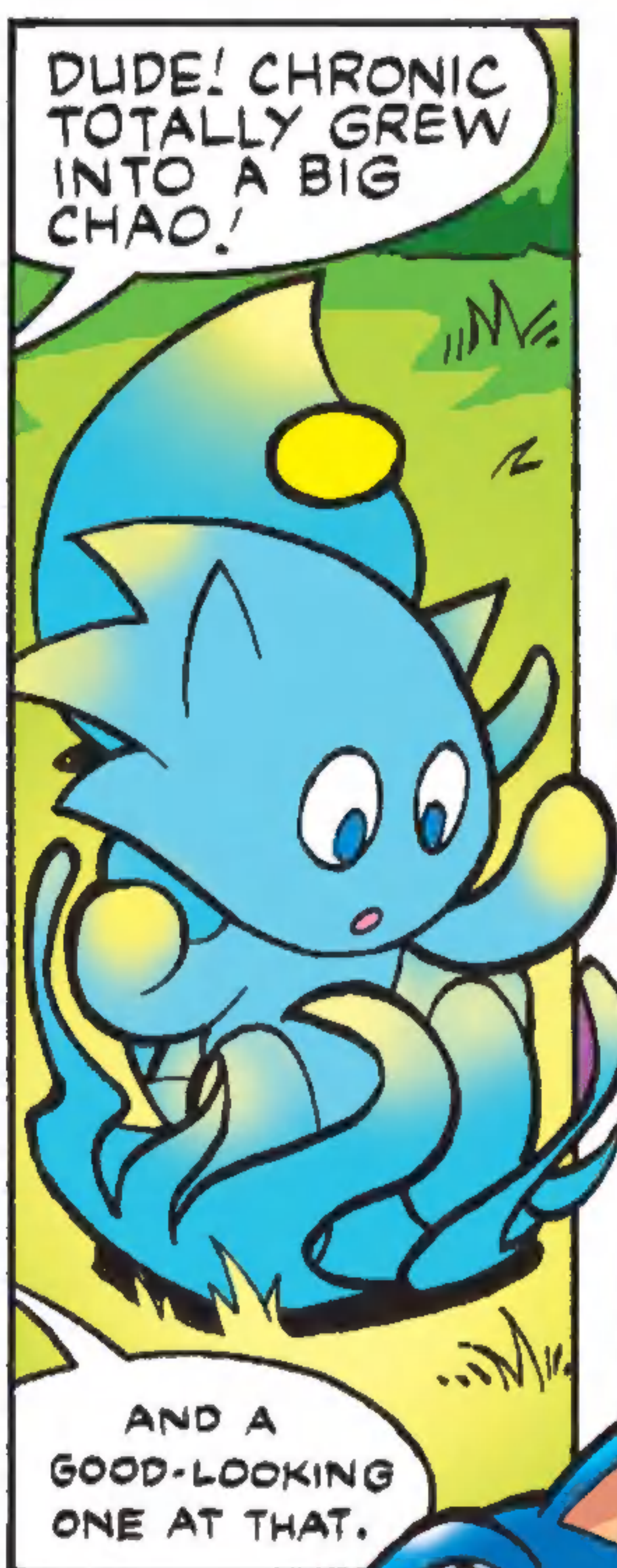
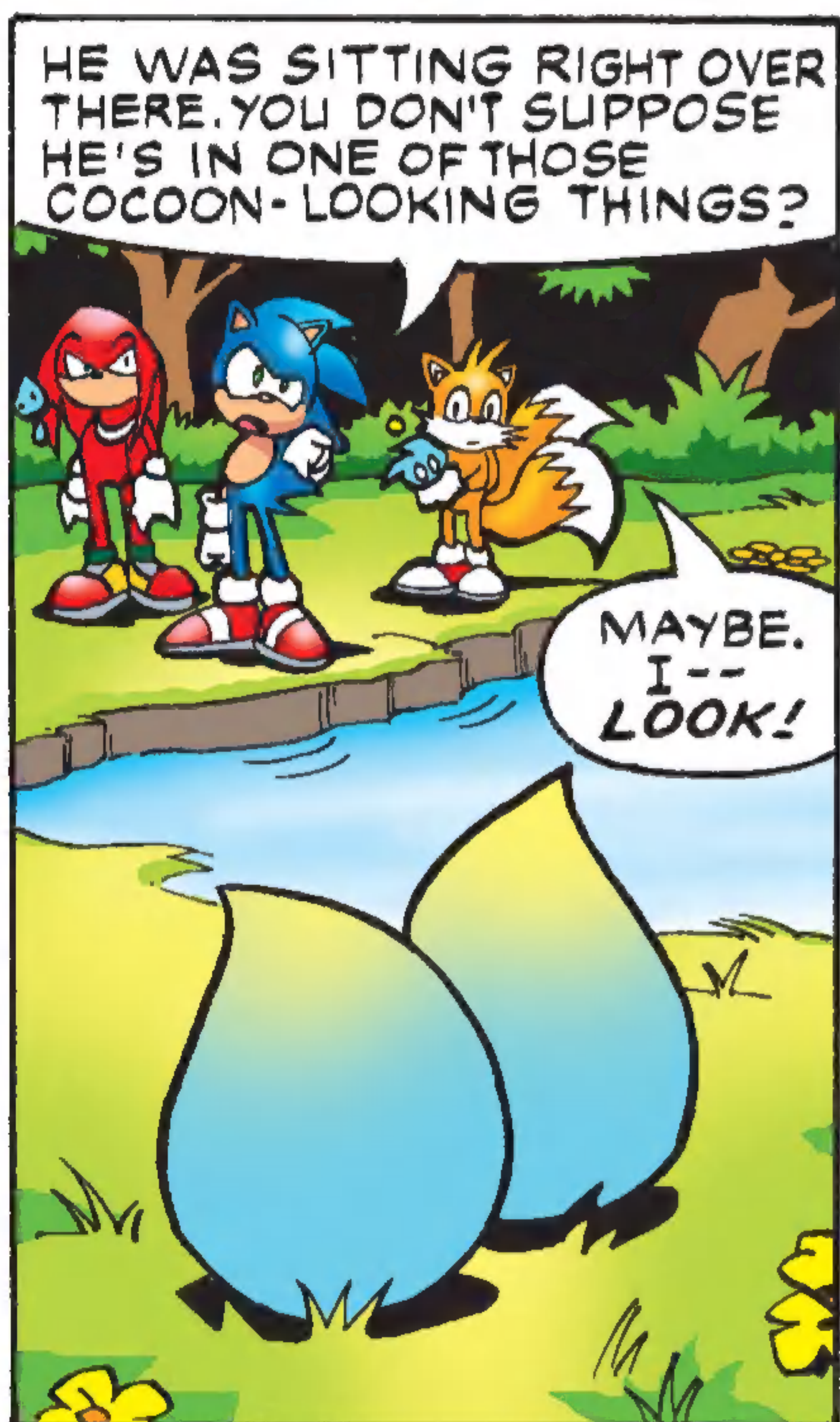
TRY NOT TO GET INTO A FIGHT THIS TIME / OKAY GUYS?















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